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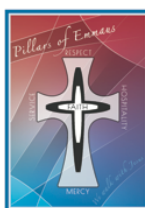
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Message from the Principal

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NATIONAL EDUCATION

'Questions are not there to trick students': 2018 HSC exams begin

By Pallavi Singhal
18 October 2018 – 12:01am

The importance of eating breakfast on the morning of HSC exams is one of the many pieces of advice imparted to every Year 12 student, but Mark O'Connor is worried they won't listen. So he has decided to bring breakfast to them before the first exam on Thursday.



Jessica Alexander, 17, who is in Year 12 at Emmaus Catholic College, is feeling confident about the English exam. LOUISE KENNERLEY

"We're going to have breakfast together before the exam, I'll get some cereal, yoghurt, maybe some toast," said Mr O'Connor, who is a teacher and leader of wellbeing at Emmaus Catholic College in Sydney's west.

"I want them to get together and be with each other too, to talk and take the pressure off the exam."

About 76,730 students will sit the first English paper on Thursday morning, when this year's HSC exams begin.

Here is the link to the article published in the SMH today:

<https://www.smh.com.au/education/questions-are-not-there-to-trick-students-2018-hsc-exams-begin-20181016-p50a05.html>

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National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

A reflection for all the agencies, ministries, parishes, clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta for 11am on Monday 22 October 2018

This reflection is to acknowledge and recognise the importance of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being delivered today by the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.

Today is a very important day when the prime minister will say sorry to all those people in Australia who, in the past, were hurt as children in places where they were supposed to be loved and cared for, including our churches and schools.

The prime minister will not only be saying sorry to the people for the hurt they have suffered, but also to acknowledge and recognise their courage in telling their stories.

With their voice, these brave people were able speak out and ask for help. It has meant that many of those who caused the harm have been brought to justice, and other children have been saved from harm. It has also helped us as a Catholic community to learn from the past so that this does not happen again.

The Diocese of Parramatta, including our parishes, schools, ministries, agencies, staff, clergy and volunteers are joining together today to acknowledge the National Apology, to remember the children who were hurt, and to give thanks to those who found courage and strength in speaking out.

We stand together to acknowledge the harm caused by those within Catholic institutions who sexually abused children or responded to abuse in a way that was ineffective or inadequate, and to honour the immense courage of those who found their voice and spoke the truth which saved others from harm.

For more information about the National Apology, please visit www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au or call 1800 604 604.

Important Dates 2018

TERM 4

October

18th HSC Exams began

November

5th - 9th Yr 10 Exams

6th Vaccinations

Yr 7 2nd dose HPV and catchup

Yr 8 HPV and 2017 catchup

Yr 10 & 11 Meningococcal catchup

9th HSC Exams conclude

Yr 12 Formal

15th Orientation Evening
Yr 6 students and parents

16th Orientation Day Yr 7, 2019

December

10th Yr 10 Pastoral Week

17th Yr 7-9 Picnic Day

18th Parent/Teacher/Student
Conference by appointment

19th Staff Development Day

20th Staff Development Day

Assistant Principal

Welcome back to our final term of the year! At our College Assembly in Week One, I spoke to the students about the importance of having a 'Big Finish' to the term. For each student, this 'Big Finish' will vary based on a number of things. They may focus on meeting unmet goals or New Year's resolutions, or it might be about making an improvement in relation to their learning or behaviour that has been an area of focus throughout the year. For others, it may be achieving a new skill, participating in an extracurricular activity or completing an act of service. With only eight weeks remaining, I would encourage you to urge your child to embrace the idea of having a 'Big Finish', so they are able to proudly reflect on their successes at the end of the year.

On Monday and Tuesday our new Student Leadership Team went away to plan their work for 2019. They are a wonderful group of young people and we look forward to formally inducting them at our Week 7 Assembly. Many thanks to Miss Borg, Mr Roberts and Mrs Luke for the work they did with these young leaders over the two days.



Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

Summer Uniform

All students should now be in full summer uniform.

Just a reminder that students are not to be wearing their sport jacket or hoodie with their uniform.



Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k

College Leadership Teams

Executive

Principal Mr Nastasi

Principal's Personal Assistant

Mrs Schembri

Assistant Principal Ms Bowd

Director of Learning & Mission

(Acting)

Mrs Cocks

Director of Learning & Wellbeing

Mr Roberts

Director of Curriculum (Acting)

Mrs Else

Business Manager Mr Anchique

Leaders of Wellbeing

Year 7 Mr Ashdown

Year 8 Miss Gaudiosi

Year 9 Mr Levy

Year 10 Mr Murphy

Year 11 Mrs Luke

Year 12 Mr O'Connor

Leaders of Learning

REC (Acting) Mrs Cocks

Diverse Learning Mrs Vogels

English Ms Schinella

Mathematics (Acting) Mr Vendrasco

PDHPE Mr Brunt

HSIE (Acting) Mrs Curran

TAS Mr Bauer

Creative Arts (Acting) Miss Ashton
and Mr Connolly

Science Ms Dodds

Learning Technology Co-ordinator
Mr Halpin

Leader of Sport Ms Hely

Language Mrs Else

Library Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator Mrs Pereira

Careers Advisor Mrs Scarfone

College Counsellor Ms Comito



During Term 4 Year 10 Science are focusing upon the universe. One aspect of this topic is people who have made significant contributions towards our understanding of the universe. One of these people who have made a significant contribution is Cecilia Payne-Gapashkin.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_qF-jTY2zY

The work which Cecilia Payne-Gapashkin undertook was remarkable, unfortunately many people within her field tried and succeeded in stealing her hard work. It took over 30 years for her to be recognised by her peers. She was and will be remembered as a pioneer within her field of Science.



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Our Lady of the Rosary
Saddington Street, St Marys
Ph: 9623 1962

Our K-6 Schools

Trinity Primary
61-83 Bakers Lane,
Kemps Creek. Ph: 9834 3212

Holy Spirit Primary
7-17 Todd Row, St Clair
Ph: 9670 5379

Our Lady of the Rosary
Yr K-6 Saddington St, St Marys
Ph: 9623 2500

From the Sports Field

NSW All SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NSW All Schools Athletics Championships were held at the end of Term 4. 5 students qualified;

Lachlan Ash of Year 11, Laud Codjoe and Lucas Rose of Year 10, Ryan Thomson of Year 12 and Jada Thomson of Year 8.

Their results were as follows:

Lachlan Ash 7th in the 200m with a time of 23.13
3rd in the 400m with a time of 50.97

Laud Codjoe 2nd in the 100m (by .9 of a second)
4th in the 200m by .5 of a second
1st in Long Jump 6.4m
1st in Triple Jump 12.56m

Lucas Rose 2nd in Shot Put 14.03m
1st in Discus- 56.62m
3rd in Javelin 39.26m

Lucas also had a very eventful start to the school holidays winning the NSW All Schools U15 Boys Discus event. This is the 4th year in a row that he has won this event and he is now preparing for the Nationals event scheduled for December in Cairns. We wish him the best of luck!

Unfortunately Jada Thomson had to withdraw from the event due to injury and Ryan Thomson did not attend, however we congratulate these students on qualifying for this level.

THURSDAY SPORT

Representative Sporting Teams

Our Rep Sporting Teams have started the Season strong which continues this term. Students are reminded even if it is raining to bring their jersey and boots (for Oz-tag) as some games still go ahead and local councils may open grounds. Parents are welcome to attend the appropriate venues to watch and support the games. Students in these teams have been issued with a brand new jersey to wear for each game and for the duration of the Season. As per College policy, this is not to be worn to school. Students are to get changed at lunch time and it must be returned at the conclusion of the Season. Failing to do so will result in an applicable fee of \$50.

Thursday afternoon Sport is part of the curriculum

A reminder that all students must attend their correct Sport on a Thursday afternoon. Teachers have a duty of care to ensure all students are safe and accounted for students have a responsibility to attend their allocated Sport. When students choose to truant or not attend their allocated Sport, this is a significant issue. It is compulsory for all students in Years 7-10 to attend sport each Thursday afternoon as part of the curriculum. Should a student need to leave school early for any reason, a note must be written by their parent/caregiver explaining the reason for the early departure and the time the student is leaving. This must then be shown to their Leader of Well-being during homeroom. Consequences are applicable for students who decide not to follow these College procedures and expectations.

Returning to school after external Venue Sport

As mentioned at the end of last term, it is an expectation that all students return back to school from external Sports. No student should be collected from a venue as all venue Sport buses return back to school prior to the afternoon buses and therefore students are able to depart the College via their normal arrangements.

Paying for Sport

All students have been reminded to please bring the correct money if they participate in a venue sport on a Thursday afternoon. This makes the process of marking the roll and boarding buses much quicker and easier.

Weekly prices for other venue Sports are as follows:

Don Bosco:	\$5	
AMF Bowling:	\$7	
Flipout:	\$7	Students are reminded to bring their grip socks each week. As per the rules of the venue, they are not permitted to jump without these.
Gym/Fitness:	\$7	
Ice Skating:	\$8	
Cables:	\$12	Students are reminded to bring their swimmers and a towel each week.

Unable to participate in Sport?

A reminder that students who do not bring their money for a venue Sport each Thursday are required to attend Community Service. Students must see me in the morning if for some reason they are unable to attend their Sport. Students who decide to not attend Sport are issued with an afternoon detention as well as the community service detention. In addition to this, students who attend Community Service twice in one term results in an afternoon detention being issued.

Miss Hely, Head of Sport



Remembrance Service and associated events on Sunday 11th November.

There is a special 'regional' commemoration event at Penrith Paceway, initiated by St Marys RSL Sub-Branch, together with our friends at Penrith and Blaxland/Glenbrook RSL Sub-Branches. It will be a significant event for the region.

A special 'March-on' to the Service will commence by 10am. Besides the 'March-on' and Remembrance Service, there will be a full day's activities within the arena of the Penrith Paceway. The gates open by 8am and following the Service, around 11.30am there will be stalls, band segments, food vans, and military-related demonstrations through till 3.00pm.

A limited free shuttle bus will be available between 7.30am and 10am from the St Marys RSL Club to the Paceway. It will make return trips from around 1pm till 3pm in the afternoon.

The RSL Club will be very pleased to receive any enquiries for further information.

Please contact : Mr Tony Fryer, Honorary Secretary, St Marys RSL sub-Branch on 0414 557 692.



From the Office

LATE TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder to students who arrive late to school - please go to Student Services and sign in on the computer. This will prevent parents receiving an Absence SMS.

WHO IS AUTHORISED TO COLLECT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER FROM THE COLLEGE OR A SPORTING VENUE.

If someone other than the persons authorised by parents on a student's file are to collect a student from the College, parents need to contact the College advising the name of this person.

STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

If parents are wishing their son/daughter to take leave during the school term a **Leave Form must be completed**. Forms are available from the Front Office or if parents would like a form emailed to them, please contact the College Office.

Leave forms are for any length of time.

There are two types of Leave Form:

- (i) for Travel only and
- (ii) all other types of leave. Students will then receive an Exemption Approval letter from the Principal.

From the Diocese

Child Protection Information Line Royal Commission

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The dedicated Information Line will provide information about how schools are handling child protection matters and will be able to respond to individual enquiries and assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services if needed.

The Child Protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education Office staff member.

IS YOUR SON/DAUGHTER LEAVING THE COLLEGE

If your son or daughter is leaving the College we require the following:

10 weeks written or emailed notice from parents/carers prior to student leaving advising where student will be attending or working.

Also **written confirmation** from the new school or employer - or confirmation of courses to be studied at TAFE or other tertiary institution.



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