



SCHOLS NEWS

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From the Principal



Kate Rayment

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow
love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are

pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

Amen.

Amen

**St Scholastica and St Benedict,
Pray for us**

Pax (Peace) Day

What a wonderful day was our inaugural *Pax Day*! The day was filled with learning, sharing, activity and joy. We began with a full school assembly which set the tone and context for the day: we are a community which values the deep peace that comes from our faith - respect for God, respect for harmony among peoples and within people, respect for cultural diversity, respect for the work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, and respect for ourselves and each other. Food and craft stalls around the grounds reflected the diverse cultures represented in the school community and included French crepes, Chinese tea, Greek spanakopita, Australian damper and Vietnamese rolls. Almost 50 different cultures amongst students and staff make Schols a special place.

The day concluded with performances in the TFC by representatives of various cultures, as we all travelled on *Pax Airlines* around the world stopping over in: Ghana, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the Pacific islands, South America, India, China, Japan, Lebanon, Greece and finally touching down in Sydney to the resounding air of "We are Australian", sung by a full hall with arms linked. Beautiful!

Funds raised on the day will support the work of the Good Samaritan Foundation.



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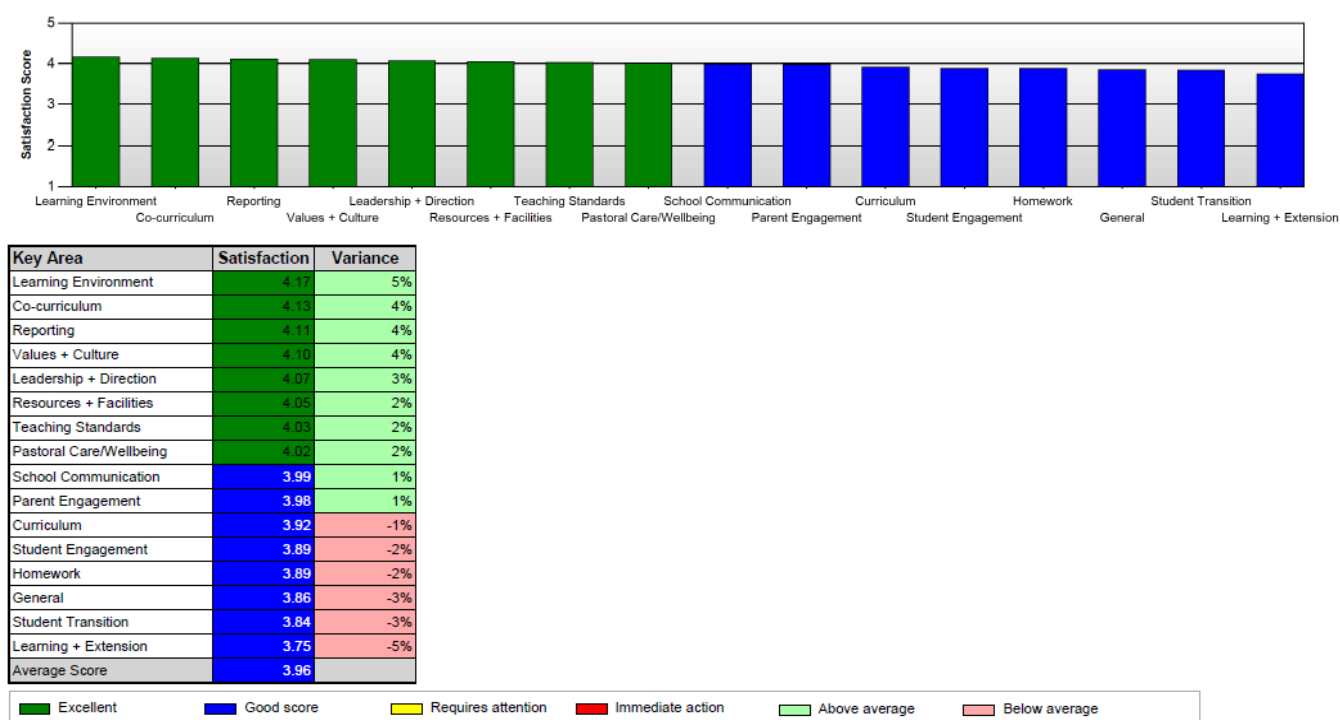
Perception Survey

Thank you very much to the 647 parents/carers who responded to the College perception survey. The feedback will be used to inform planning for 2019 and our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, which will be developed throughout 2019. I will address the feedback from the community in a report later this term.

The responses to the survey were overwhelmingly positive, with all fields scoring the top two available ratings - Excellent or Good. The fields scoring in the 'best practice' range are: Learning Environment, Co-curriculum, Reporting, Values & Culture, Leadership & Direction, Resources & Facilities, Teaching Standards and Pastoral Care/Wellbeing. The following graph and table provide a summary of levels of satisfaction:

6. Section 3 - Summary of Responses by Key Area

This report section provides a summary of the total responses grouped by key area. Results are ranked from highest to lowest and compared to the average overall score.



Father's Day Mass and Breakfast

Thank you to all the families who attended our inaugural Father's Day Mass and the annual breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many fathers and grandfathers share the morning through our liturgical celebration and social gathering. I hope all fathers were spoilt with special treatment on Sunday.

Staff News

Ms Nadia Mansutti finished up in her role as Head of Boarding last week after almost three years of dedicated service to the boarding community. Ms Mansutti's emphasis on safety and standards has led to many improvements in the day-to-day operations of the boarding school. Nadia has actively promoted the boarding school in communities throughout the state and has represented the College at events across the country. She now looks forward to spending less time living away from home as she moves into a new phase in her life. We wish Nadia all the best for the future.

We currently have four staff members (Ms Murphy, Ms Tulevski, Ms Flood and Ms Jones) on Maternity

Leave and another three (Ms O'Connor, Ms Giannikos and Ms Butler) who are expecting children later this year or early next year. It is an exciting time for our staff as we continue to welcome new members to the extended Schols family.

Highlights of the Last Fortnight:

- Pax Day
- The Leaders' Retreat, held
- The HSC Exhibition Night
- The Father's Day Mass and Breakfast
- Renewal of our partnership with FINCH for 2019
- The CSIRO Robotic visit
- PISA participation by a selection of Year 9 students
- Japanese and Italian student visitors
- Year 8 Languages excursions
- ICBE visitors
- Tournament of Minds comp hosted by Schols
- Parent information evenings
- The community perception survey
- The netball grand finals

Parent Partnership

The College continues to support our rural communities through a weekly collection for the *Buy a Bale* drought relief appeal. Parents and carers are able to support drought affected families through a special partnership initiative led by a group of Schols parents. A function is to be held at the Two Wolves at Broadway on Thursday 20 September, bringing parents together in a social setting while raising funds to assist our boarding families who are suffering from the impact of the ongoing drought. Funds raised at the event will contribute to rural bursaries for those impacted most directly. Please see the flyer on Page 7 in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there.

Mrs Kate Rayment

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

PISA Testing

Our College was selected to participate in the PISA Test for 2018. The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a worldwide study conducted by the OECD to evaluate educational systems by measuring students in mathematics, science and reading literacy. The test is conducted every three years and the findings, which are published, are used in forward planning. Approximately 30 randomly selected Schols students from Years 9, 10 and 11 were tested on Wednesday 22nd August. My congratulations to the girls who participated, it is always heartening to see the effort with which students apply themselves. The College will receive results at the end of the year.

NAPLAN Readiness

NAPLAN testing will be conducted online in 2019. In preparation for this, Year 7 will be participating in a readiness test on Monday 3rd September and parents and students have been advised via email. If there are any questions please contact the IT department at: <https://goo.gl/forms/pQHn96vujl9a5bDD3>, or me via email: aeussen@scholastica.nsw.edu.au

Year 12 Exhibition Night

The annual HSC Exhibition night is a marvellous way of showcasing the talent and efforts of our HSC students in Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Aboriginal Studies, Extension 2 English, History Extension and Drama and it is a great community event. There are two standouts for me as the Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning: 1) the support our students receive from staff and their peers and, 2) the great talent on display. This is not only a testament of great individual ability but also

ICBE Visitors

Last Wednesday we hosted three members of the International Commission on Benedictine Education (ICBE). Abbot Elias Lorenzo OSB, Mr Al Zapelli and Mr Cristóbal Valdés were on a pre-conference visit to assess the status of our preparations for hosting the triannual international Benedictine Educators Network (BENet) Conference in October 2019. The 2019 Conference is the first held in Australia and will be hosted at Schols by Good Samaritan Education. Planning has been underway for two years and will continue with increasing earnestness over the next 12 months. The visitors were most impressed by their interactions with the girls, whose intelligent, articulate engagement was matched equally by their warmth and hospitality.

the tremendous support provided by staff to assist students to achieve their best. It is a great educational and community event that is reflective of our College Mission.

HSC Drama

Our HSC Drama class has spent Friday performing their HSC pieces for the examiners. It can be difficult to have your exams when others are back in class, but this wonderful group under the guidance of Mr Whaley have risen to the challenge. Next week our HSC Music class present their final **HSC Music** Soiree in preparation for their HSC performances.

Reflection

I recently visited a Year 12 year meeting to discuss the role of feedback and reflection. Year 12s are currently receiving their Trial HSC examination results and it is important they spend time considering how they can improve on their results before the HSC. I explained in detail the reflective process and how helpful it is when preparing for exams. It is essential Year 12s remain focussed on their studies because there is still time to make a difference to their overall result. Continual practice of past exams and completion of questions, either individually or in groups, will help students to achieve their best. This is a worthwhile conversation to have with your daughter as soon as possible.

Year 11 Exams

The Year 11 examination period starts on Friday 14th September and finishes on 28th September, the last day of Term 3. All students should be receiving notifications of exams outlining content and the nature of the task.

Mr Adrian Eussen

From the Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

Student Leadership

At the end of Week 4 Mr Watson the Year 11 Guidance Coordinator, Mr Eussen and myself facilitated the two day Student Leadership Retreat for our newly elected College Captains, Boarding Captains and House Captains who will formally take up their positions at the end of this term. This group of young women were enthusiastic and thoughtful, quickly developing a sense of connectedness and purpose. Please see the report further in this Newsletter.

Community Experiences

Thank you to all the students, staff and family who have been a part of the many recent events at the College. The breadth of activities and events reflects the diverse interests at the College. These also provide opportunities for our girls to get involved and work with new groups of people, trying out new experiences or extending existing skills. Trying something new can be daunting, but it is through taking on challenges that we remind ourselves of our own potential, and also how great it is to have a bit of fun along the way!

Our community celebrated **Pax Day** last week. The current Student Leaders determined that rather than having a different name for the community day each year, the day should be “Pax Day” to connect to our school motto, a call to action to work for peace. This year, the focus was *Celebrating our Multicultural Community*, with great energy in the preparation of stalls, food, different activities and a wonderful showcase of different performances at the end of the day. Clearly many families were involved in preparing for this event, and I thank them along with the enthusiastic staff and students, in particular the planning group and student leaders. Please see the student report in this Newsletter.

Thanks also to our Year 11 and 12 Boarders who, with Ms Boland have run a three week campaign “**Dollar for Drought**” as a fund raising opportunity for students to contribute to drought relief. This morning at the lovely Fathers’ Day breakfast Mrs Rayment spoke of the parent event on September 20th for families to come together in a fundraiser for the girls and families in our College community.

In the coming week there are more diverse events and opportunities. Tomorrow we have five **netball** teams who have reached the grand finals. Congratulations to all these players, and best wishes for a very enjoyable and successful final game for the season! Special thanks to all the students who work

as umpires each week, and the students and families who support our efforts in this very large winter competition. Congratulations to all the coaches and our Sports Coordinator Jodie Osborne and other staff for the effort that sits behind these sporting successes.

Our **House Meetings** this week are the final meeting with the HSC class, which is an important opportunity to thank the girls for their energetic leadership and contribution to the House and the College community. These meetings also see our new House Captains step into the role of leading meetings for the first time. House Meetings. The House Mentors have held meetings with the current and future Captains to allow these leaders to effectively hand over the role. These recent weeks have seen positive opportunities for the College and boarding Captains to also work together as part of our term of transition.

This week we had a special fundraiser for the **Santa Teresa** community. Many classrooms have a Santa Teresa cross, beautifully decorated by community members. The community also works on silk scarves and our students travel on an immersion with the Good Samaritan team. Wednesday is Scarf Day and all students are asked to make a gold coin contribution on the day.

Welcome **Big Sisters**! This week is an exciting time as we welcome our new Big Sisters from the Year 10 cohort as they begin their training. These students volunteer their time to welcome new students on Orientation day, and work with the new Year 7 Homeroom across the first half of 2019. At lunchtimes it is these girls who will manage the lunchtime clubs which help to create opportunities for friendships to flourish amongst the new Year 7 cohort. Thank you to Ms Houlahan and Ms Da Costa for the preparation work.

If your daughter is connected to any extra-curricula activity from sport to music to speaking and creative thinking competitions, please note the email sent this week regarding **Extra-curricula Photo Day** this coming Friday 7th September. There are uniform requirements and a full day of photos, and all students are reminded to carefully check their personal schedule.

Amidst all of these events work in our classes continues apace. Please do remember that daily organisation through the **College Diary** is an important foundation for feeling in control of work and assessments in particular. These assessments are all noted in the assessment calendar which was

emailed earlier in the term by Mr Eussen. If assistance is needed for specific classes or tasks, the class teacher is always the best first point of contact. The

Guidance Coordinators are also ready to assist for any general concerns or questions.

Dr Jen Petschler

From the Head of Mission

Student Volunteers helping the Good Samaritan Foundation

This term, six Year 10 students (**Emelia Cawthorn, Megan Chilari, Louisa Gunning, Mila Henderson, Jasmine Lungo** and **Jaylea Williams**) assisted the Good Samaritan Foundation with the development of their communication and social media presence. The Good Samaritan Foundation is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

The students meet weekly with the Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Foundation, Catherine Cresswell, to update and review the Foundation's Website and Social Media. This has been a wonderful service opportunity for the students who are engaging with members of the wider Good Samaritan community, sharing their own skills while developing new skills in the process.

They have learned about the important work of the Good Samaritan Sisters while assisting the Executive Director of the Foundation develop their social media presence further. Pictured are **Mila Henderson** and **Louisa Gunning** filming an interview with Sr Patty Fawkner SGS for the GS Foundation Website.

Ms Fran Vella
Head of Mission



From the Boarding School

As Winter well and truly returned to Sydney this week, the boarders enjoyed some indoor activities...

The 9D cinema...like a show ride but with a twist, all of the rides are in 3D, the seats move as if you are on a roller coaster and, watch out if the ride goes through water!



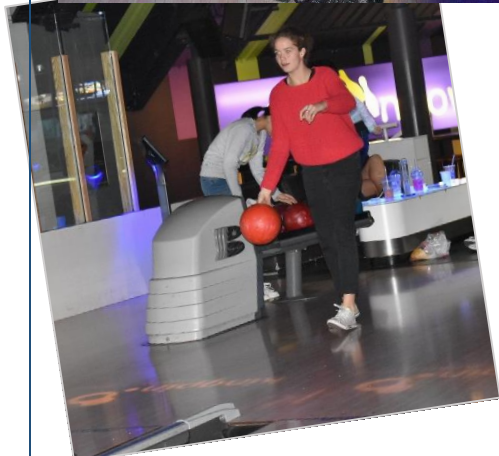
←Introducing the new Boarder Council for Semester 2, 2018.



←Bowling...a perennial favourite – boarders pit their bowling skills against each other!



“Breakfast for Dinner” → A special night where the girls and staff wore their PJs to dinner, and enjoyed a feast of, poached eggs, bacon, hash browns, sausages, fruit and jelly. Yum!



Ms Nadia Mansutti
Head of Boarding



St Scholastica's College Community Appeal **SAVE THE DATE**



Help our Drought-Affected Families

Parents and carers are invited to support drought-affected families through a special partnership initiative led by a group of Schols parents. The function, to be held at the Two Wolves at Broadway, will bring parents together in a social setting while raising funds to assist our boarding families who are suffering from the impact of the ongoing drought.

Funds raised at the event will contribute to rural bursaries for those impacted most directly

When: Thursday 20th September 2018

Time: 7:00pm onwards

Where: The Two Wolves Community Cantina

(Corner of Parramatta Road and City Road, Broadway – entry via side laneway)

<https://thetwowolves.com.au/>

Cost: Food and drinks are available for purchase and we ask you to please bring cash for raffles/donations.

How to Book: As there is limited seating we ask you to please register your attendance. [Please click here to register](https://www.trybooking.com/422060) now or go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/422060>

What to do: Come along and meet up with fellow Schols parents/carers for a casual night out with a great cause.



PAX Day 2018

Pax Day By Priscilla Kyei, Year 12

Pax Day was an exciting way for our school community to experience one another's cultural backgrounds and social interests. Each student was welcomed to engage with cultures from across the globe by participating in workshops and through the sharing of yummy delights provided by the food stalls. Workshops such as an Aussie cricket match, Mexico's piñata game, the Translate Anything to German stand and the sustainability group's Beeswax Wrap making stall, provided an opportunity for students to learn a new skill and have some fun. As well as embracing our multicultural community on the day, the school community also embraced its ethos of "caring for our neighbour." As a school community, we raised around \$7,500 for the Good Samaritan Foundation, who provide much needed assistance, support and active social work for many people both within Australia and across the globe. Overall, it was a highly successful day, despite the unpredictable weather; our Pax Day was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.



Last Friday, St Scholastica's had a relaxed community day of feasting, music, dance and fun.

The generous spirit of all was wonderful, and the sheer diversity (and quantity!) of food was a sight to behold. We all came together as one and focused simply on enjoying each other's company.

Smiles, music, stellar performances and laughter were ever-present and lovely features of the day. Friendships were formed, deepened and renewed.

It has been said that Pax Day is one of the most enjoyable and memorable events on the school calendar. So why is it so popular? Is it simply the festivities and much needed time out during a hectic school term, or is it something more meaningful?

It is possible that acknowledging and celebrating a core part of our identity is of enormous value to each and every one of us. Through the respectful recognition and generous sharing of our unique family backgrounds, we just may be more peaceful, loving and kind towards ourselves and one another.

Year 7 student responses to the question "what does Pax Day mean to you?":

- "It means 'peace day'. Throughout the day we experienced what different cultures are like."
- "It means food and showing our love to the different cultures."



Ms Lisa O'Brien
HSIE Teacher

From the TAS Department

Chicky Hampshire Hospitality Industry Training

The Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes were once again treated to an informative and exciting practical session with Chef Chicky Hampshire. This time it was profiteroles. The girls were given a demonstration and introduction to the world of choux pastry and created beautiful light and fluffy, crispy hollow mounds. Chef Chicky was impressed when she found out that this was their first time making this type of pastry.

The next step was not easy – crème patisserie, however the girls managed to create a delicious custard. They worked diligently and steadily to create beautiful profiteroles, hopefully they were shared with family and friends.

As always it was a pleasure having Chicky, the students are looking forward to the next lesson with her.

Ms Ramos and Ms Houlahan
TAS Teachers



From the Languages Department

Trip to Japan

Our trip to Japan in April 2018 by Su Thongchoot and Samantha Zhang, Year 9

During our time in Japan we went to Kyoto, which is known as the cultural epicentre of Japan, and Tokyo where we were able to learn about Japanese culture and language. We went to school with our host 'buddies', and were able to join some of their morning classes. It was quite difficult to follow along but thankfully, our buddies helped us with google translations.

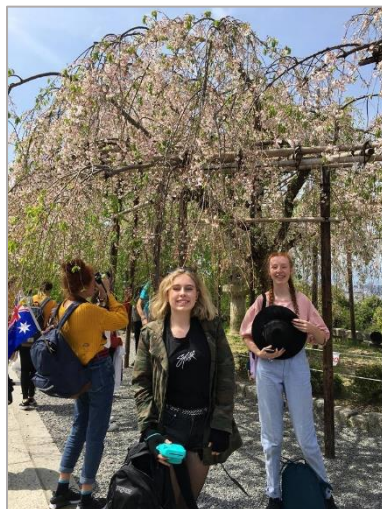
We spent five days in a traditional Kyoto hotel which included futons and breakfasts and spending 4 nights with our friends, which was a very weird experience. It was like an extremely long sleepover. We were able to bond with our friends from our own grade and our seniors, which was great fun.

Despite the long walks and painful feet, we are very grateful for seeing so much in such a short period of time. We went to so many wonderful places and saw beautiful scenery in Japan, including:

- Disneyland
- Universal Studios
- Hiroshima
- Odaiba
- Miraikan (The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation)
- Nara park
- Ueno Zoo & Park
- Harajuku and Shibuya (Shopping districts)
- Kinkaku-ji (Zen Buddhist Temple)
- Asakusa Sensoji (Tokyo's oldest and most significant temple)
- Akihabara
- Ikebukuro

A very big thank you to our host families for providing us with homemade food every day and a nice home to live in for 9 days. We would like to say a big thank you to Ms Alves, Ms McNamara, and McLean-Smith for looking after us while in Japan. And a very big thank you to Ms Alves and Wayokudan who made this happen for us.

It was an amazing experience for all of us, and it would be a great opportunity and a fun experience for anyone else who is interested in going to Japan



Japanese Excursion

Year 8 Japanese Excursion by Marlene Cai, Year 8

On 20th August, the Year 8 Japanese class was taken on an excursion for lunch at "Hisshou Teppanyaki", then proceeded to take a lesson of Japanese calligraphy. The purpose of Japanese teppanyaki restaurants is not only to serve delicious food, but to entertain customers as well. Here, we were able to watch the chef's skillful stunts while he cooked, as well as participated in a variety of risky games that involved catching eggs in bowls and in mouths. The sight of the chef cooking mere centimeters away from us at the table had us all entranced, not to mention the way he performed and executed his skills with the tools he used. We ate so much, we could barely survive the walk back to the bus stop to go home! It is guaranteed, that not one student left the restaurant without feeling a sense of satisfaction.

Our second part of the excursion was to go to the Japan Center at Central Park, operated by the Japan Foundation. There, we learnt a number of things about Calligraphy. During this lesson, we created our own pieces of Japanese characters. We had a lot of fun drawing on the knowledge learnt, and utilising the Japanese tools to paint our unique masterpieces.

Even as the excursion was packed full with fun and excitement, we were still able to learn and experience the Japanese culture. The calligraphy lesson was conducted by a Japanese staff, who spoke in fluent Japanese throughout the whole lesson, creating an opportunity for us to have fun and learn at the same time.



Our class enjoyed the trip a lot, from having a taste of scrumptious traditional Japanese food, to taking part in some Japanese cultural art. These memories are one to cherish for a lifetime, and we thank Ms. Alves for this great opportunity.

Italian Excursion

Year 8 Italian Excursion – 20th August 2018

Year 8 Italian students were given the opportunity to fine-tune their language skills and extensive knowledge of Italy when they explored the Italian cultural hub of Norton Street, Leichhardt. One hundred and twenty excited students walked down to the Italian Forum where they were briefed by their teachers about the order of the day.

They eagerly joined together to work through their culture booklets and made note of the significance of well-known landmarks and signs. The girls discovered Leichhardt Town Hall, Palace Norton Street Cinema and the iconic Pasticceria Mezzapica. The girls acknowledged that although there has been a decline in the number of Italians living in the area, their influence is still extensive. They enjoyed discovering all the lovely 'dolci' in Pasticceria Mezzapica (as have many others since 1952) and learning about their origins.





The highlight of the day was lunch at Café Moretti where the girls indulged in a beautiful feast of pizza (Margherita and Margherita/Ham), pasta (Penne Boscaiola and Spaghetti Napoletana) and finished with gelati.

No doubt many families also benefited from the many purchases of sweets from the cake shop as the girls finished the day cleaning up the shelves of the pasticceria. Una giornata bellissima!

Ms Sarah Rumiz
Italian Teacher
Teacher-in-charge: Languages



Italian Exchange Students

Italian Exchange Students – 2018

For a 'short' three-and-a-half weeks, St Scholastica's College once again hosted a group of students from Perugia, in central Italy. The 11 students stayed with host families from within our school community and attended school with their host sisters most days of the week. The girls found wearing a school uniform for the first time quite a unique experience, and by the end of their stay, had tweaked it with their own individual 'Italian' style.

A very warm thank you goes to the families of the following students who graciously hosted one (or three) of the Italian exchange students – Mia Angeloni, Lonnie Brigg, Emelia Cawthorn, Megan Chillari, Natasha Culf, Vivienne Dehn, Tahlia Dunne, Olivia Le Clerc, Stefania Maxwell & Alexia Saladino.

We look forward to these Italian exchange students possibly returning the hospitality when we visit their school during our Italy cultural tour in 2019.

Ms Sarah Rumiz
Italian Teacher
Teacher-in-charge: Languages



French Excursion

Written by: The Year 8 French class

It felt like the coldest morning ever when Ms Chenoweth and Ms Miao and all twenty-six of us set out for a morning of playing pétanque by the water in Pirrama Park. The trick to success in the game is how calm and focused you are when you throw arm forward in the hope of hitting the cochonet (jack) with a heavy steel ball. With the guidance of Monsieur Hosie we ignored our frozen fingers and refined our stance and our game. Patience and stillness were the key. When lunch time drew near, we walked along the bay to Darling Harbour for a delicious French repas at The Little Snail. The escargots in garlic butter were a hit (as anything would have been—we were that hungry!). There was something for everyone from fish to vegetarian options. Dessert was the all-round favourite and there was only one complaint - that the crème caramel was too sweet! Can a French dessert ever be too sweet? Vraiment alors! C'est impossible!



From the Leaders Retreat 2018

From leadership workshops to charades to meditation on the beach; the Leadership Retreat for the future 2019 leaders, was an enriching and beneficial experience – filled with passion, determination and genuine excitement. We were fortunate to have Mr



Watson, Ms Petschler and Mr Eussen run our retreat, providing each of us with advice and optimism for the year ahead! Being a small group of leaders on retreat, each of us individuals were able to attain and establish closer relationships with each other and our teachers – whom

we'll be working closely with over the next year. This retreat has encouraged great enthusiasm and passion amongst us as we approach the year and our leadership roles.



From the Music Department

2018 School Band and Orchestra Festival, Sunday 2nd September

Sydney Conservatorium of Music - Verbrugghen Hall

The School Band Festival is open to all school wind, brass and big bands from across Australia; it is held annually and has over 10,000 students performing at the event each year. The Festival caters for bands of all ability levels and is considered one of the most significant music education events in Australia.

For the first time, Schols is attending this exciting event. Students from the Chamber Orchestra, String Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band have been busy rehearsing a wide range of repertoires for the Festival. Families and friends who would like to join us on the day and support the girls are more than welcome to come along: Tickets via <https://asof.com.au/tickets/>



- **Concert Band** -- Graham Lloyd Secondary School Concert Band Event
Time: 10.30 –12.30pm
Tickets via - <https://schoolbandfestival.org.au/tickets/>
- **String Ensemble** -- The Donald Hazelwood Event for Secondary School String Ensembles
Time: 1.40pm -3.30pm
- **Chamber Orchestra** -- The Loreta Fin Event for Secondary School String Ensembles
Time: 2.45pm -4pm
- **Symphony Orchestra** -- The Richard Gill Premier Event for Secondary School Orchestras
Time: 3.40pm -5pm

HSC Music Soiree @ Sound Lounge, Seymour Centre

Wednesday 5th September ,6pm –8.30pm

Entry is free, please contact Ms McNeill via jmcneill@scholastica.nsw.edu.au to reserve a table.

Ms Cindy Miao

Music Coordinator

EUROPEAN MUSIC TOUR 2019

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

For tour information, a draft itinerary or an Expression-of-Interest form, [please click here](#)

Students will have an opportunity to perform at prestigious venues and gain practical experience with notable musical institutions such as the Berlin Philharmonic.

Please note: Eligible students must be active members of a vocal or instrumental group in 2019.

Expressions of interest are still open

Tournament of Minds

Tournament of Minds - Time to stop and think – think outside the square

Tournament of Minds is an International school competition. Tournament of Minds (ToM) is a problem-solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Its aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines: The Arts, Language, Literature, STEM and Social Sciences.

This year 41 students who competed in all four disciplines represented Schols at the regional level.

Firstly, we thank Mrs Rayment for supporting ToM and allowing St Scholastica's to host the Sydney East Competition. This year Ms Tresoldi acted as the Sydney East Director and coordinated the whole competition, which involved over 40 schools and over 600 students. Thank you for your continued commitment and endless hours of work for Tournament of Minds.

We thank the many staff of St Scholastica's who worked on Tournament Day in many roles including registration and judging: Mrs Rayment, Ms Vella, Ms Petschler, Mr Eussen, Ms O'Brien, Ms Di Giacomo, Mr Zurlo, Ms Faye, Ms Chenoweth, Ms Anderson, Mr Watson, Ms McGrowdie, Mr Centrone, Mr Hicks, Ms Houlahan.

Year 11 and 12 students who judged: **Caitlin O'Keeffe, Emily Buterin, Zoe Loughrey and Sophie Bezzina.**

Ms Dianne Quarmby
ToM Facilitator 2018

We also thank the many students who came and acted as guides and helped with many other tasks. The support of the wonderful Schols community was important in the success of the day. Students who helped on the day: **Nakita Edwards, Syliva Li, Ashleigh Chatelier, Hannah Campbell, Fay Hu, Ella O'Connor, Grace Fuller, Molly Taylor, Thanh Le.**

Some students comment about their ToM experience.

- *ToM has given me a way to express my creativity, in ways I wouldn't think of, and expand my mind to think differently.*
- *It's lovely to work with people in different grades who are all there for the same reason and approach the problem with enthusiasm. It's rewarding to work with people in an environment based on quality of ideas and not age.*
- *ToM gave us an amazing opportunity to make friends we wouldn't have made otherwise, explore our creative sides, and challenge us intellectually.*
- *ToM has given me a chance to think outside of the box and explore my creativity.*
- *ToM STEM was really stressful but it was great to present.*
- *It was really fun, and a great way to make friends across years and acquire new skills in leadership, creativity, teamwork and thinking outside the box.*



From the Science Department

Science Excursion by Hannah Sheils and Jasmine Fawor, Year 12

On 23rd August, the Year 12 Biology cohort travelled to the Sydney Children's Hospital and the Museum of Human Disease to further their learning about the Biology topics 'Maintaining a Balance' and 'Search for Better Health'. At the hospital, we were fortunate enough to receive a lecture from staff members, including a nurse and a genetic counsellor. The hospital offered us the opportunity to revise some of our syllabus content on infectious diseases, blood components, kidney dialysis and genetics. The lecture also developed our understanding on the importance of health by educating us on the advanced technologies that treat disease. We were able to practically apply our knowledge by using different equipment such as pulse oximeters and blood pressure machines as well as examining authentic samples of blood products. Overall, our visit to the hospital allowed us to understand how the theory learnt in class is applied in practical situations.

After our visit to the hospital, we continued our excursion to the Museum of Human Disease at UNSW. First, we had a workshop to investigate human case studies involving stroke and cirrhosis of the liver. After the workshop, we explored the rest of the museum where we used the specimens and the information on posters to fill in our booklets on infectious, non-infectious, inherited, nutritional and environmental diseases. The importance of respect and understanding of the specimens was emphasised, as was the importance of maintaining a healthy diet and regular exercise in the prevention of diseases. The volunteers, who were current university students, further guided our visit by explaining the circumstances of the patients behind the specimens. At times, the experience was confronting. However, it was a valuable experience that developed our understanding of disease. The Year 12 Biology cohort would like to thank Ms Unice and Ms Doherty for organising a day that we all enjoyed and learned from.

Ms Rachel Unice
Science Teacher



Year 11 Biology Excursion

On Tuesday 28th August, Preliminary Biology students visited the Sugarloaf area at Lane Cove National Park. Originally the area was cleared for farms and forests were cut down to provide fuel and building materials. In the 1950s much of the site was buried under a garbage tip and in the 1960s Sugarloaf Point and the banks of the river were damaged by sand mining. This chequered history provides our students with the opportunity to study how human activity can impact on an ecosystem and investigate practices used to rehabilitate damaged ecosystems. These include the installation of nest boxes, fox baiting, weed removal, bush regeneration and the recent restoration of a section of the Buffalo Creek channel to improve the wetland environment.

The reserve is home to the endangered frog, the Red-crowned Toadlet, and isolated populations of the long-nosed bandicoot. Our students measured biotic and abiotic factors using a number of techniques to determine the relationships in this ecosystem. They also modelled adaptations of the bandicoot using improvised props, including socks, pliers and paddle pop sticks – a challenge they accepted with much good humour.

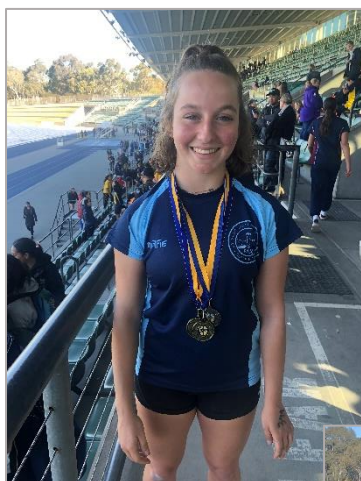
Ms Stella Koulianos
Science Teacher



Sports News

Athletics

Congratulations to the 48 students who took part in the CGSSSA Athletics on Friday 17th August. The photos tell a good story: many of our students were medal winners on the day. Last year Schols won Division 2 and, as a result moved up to Division 1 where, in our first year, we finished in third place. An outstanding achievement. Congratulations also to **Ellen Murphy** who was the junior age champion and good luck to all the girls who have made it through to NSWCCC athletics on the 21st September.



AFL→

Well done to all our students who play in the Drummoyne Under 15s team. They were narrowly defeated for a grand final spot.



CCC Netball→

Three teams headed off to Penrith last week, bright and early. All three teams played some great netball. Congratulations to all girls and particularly our Intermediate team members who won their division.

CCC Hockey

Two teams went to Newcastle last week for the CCC Hockey Championships. Both teams' improvement over the course of two days was nothing short of amazing and the team spirit and behaviour was exemplary. Congratulations girls - let's keep training for next year.



Rugby 7s →

Our senior team had the opportunity two weeks ago to play first grade rugby at Barker College. We didn't win a game but the experience of playing in front of a big crowd with all the attendant atmosphere made it very worthwhile.

Congratulations to **Issy Shortis** who was awarded player of the match.



Well done also to **Sophie Bowden, Jenayah Ingrey** and **Latoyia Skuthorpe** → who had the opportunity last weekend to play in a Lloyd McDermott Rugby 7s Competition.

Good Luck to...

- Finally, good luck this weekend to our **Netball** grand final teams, **Indoor Soccer** finalists and **Water Polo** Semi Final teams.
- A reminder that all students involved in any sport have photos next Friday 7th September, please check your emails for the schedule.

Important Reminders

- If you or you know of a student who has performed at an exceptional level and you would like us to acknowledge this please do let us know via email to Ms Osborne or Ms Gorman.
- If a student is unable to make it to training the student must inform Ms Osborne and the coach prior to the training.
- **Sport on weekends:** Students are asked to be at their sporting event **30 minutes** prior to the start of the games. This will ensure adequate warm and team building.
- **Uniform:** Please ensure that students are in full school sport uniform when playing sport for the College. If students do not abide by the policy of correct uniform, yellow cards will be issued.

Ms Jodie Osborne and Ms Courtney Gorman
Sports Coordinator and PD/H/PE Teacher

From the Careers Counsellor

Mrs Jo Cousins

Careers Counsellor & VET Coordinator

Available Mon/Wed/Thurs

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SCU STAR Reminder Early Offer Program

Closes 14 September

NSW students advised of outcome: 12 November

The program allows you to gain an offer into the university course of your choice, before the UAC rounds, based on your high school grades and your school principal's recommendation. Students can apply for any undergraduate degree program offered at SCU. There are three levels: STAR Platinum, STAR Entry and STAR Pathway.

<https://explore.scu.edu.au/star/>

Bond University Scholarships Open

Bond University scholarships are available to Year 12 students who excel in academic, community leadership and sporting pursuits. Applications are now open and we encourage high achieving students to submit a Bond University study application before commencing a scholarship application. Apply now via bond.edu.au/applynow. Visit: bond.edu.au/scholarships

ACU – Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP)

Closes 4 December

We understand you might need support to maintain sporting or performing excellence while studying. The Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP) is designed to give you that support, and encourage excellence in both your sport/performing and academic life.

http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/elite_athlete_and_performer_program

University of Pennsylvania

10 September. 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Roseby Library, Redlands School,
272 Military Road, Cremorne

The University of Pennsylvania is an Ivy League university, one of few who visits Sydney annually, thus showing commitment to Australian

students. All CA's, students and parents are welcome to this session presented by the Director of Admissions. RSVP:

key.admissions.upenn.edu/register/SydneyAustralia

CASPer Test –Undergraduate Teacher Entry in 2019

NOTE: Most of the Universities below require you to have VTAC ID, so this is mainly relevant for study in Victorian Institutions.

The CASPer test is an online screening tool designed to evaluate key personal and professional characteristics that make for successful students and graduates. Traditional evaluations of personal characteristics (e.g. standard interviews, reference letters, and personal essays) have shown to be ineffective in discerning good applicants. CASPer increases fairness in applicant evaluation by providing admissions and selection committees with a reliable measure of traits like professionalism, ethics, communication, and empathy.

Institutions using CASPer results for 2019 are:

Australian Catholic University
Deakin University Federation
University

La Trobe University

Monash University

RMIT University

Swinburne University

Victoria University

Test date options are below:

25 September. 8.00pm

14 October. 1.00pm

29 November. 6.00pm

9 December. 1.00pm

4 January. 10.00am

22 January. 6.00pm

7 February. 6.00pm *only available for some schools

6 March. 9.00am *only available for some schools

<https://takecasper.com/aboutcasper/>

COLLEGES

Up to 15 Types of Scholarships at Top - Law and Business

TOP offers a wide range of scholarships and awards each year to both domestic and international students. Scholarships and awards are designed to recognise academic, leadership and community achievements and to assist students for a variety of reasons. If your students are interested in applying for admission please get in touch. Phone 9209 4888 or email info@top.edu.au www.top.edu.au/scholarships

Pilots of Tomorrow Scholarship

We are pleased to announce a joint initiative to offer a future pilots scholarship program. The program is open to high school students interested in a career as an airline pilot. The aviation industry is experiencing extraordinary growth but a shortage of pilots is expected.

Email

ben.evans@flightexperience.com

See more information at: sydney.flightexperience.com.au/scholarships/

Torrens University Early Entry Applications Now Open

This is a great opportunity for your students to receive a conditional offer for a 2019 university place before receiving their ATAR. Students are able to apply to secure a university place in 2019 through the Torrens University's Early Entry Program. Open to all year 12 students. More information visit: <http://www.torrens.edu.au/apply-online/early-entry-program>

Billy Blue Graduate Exhibition – General Public & School Groups

1 September. 10.00am to 2.00pm
46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo
Graphic design, interior design, photography, digital media and fashion.

This September, we are excited to be extending our annual graduate exhibition; INTRO for general public and school group viewings. A rare

opportunity to see creative works from our recent graduates from all of our design disciplines.
<http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/sydney/intro-annual-graduate-exhibition-sydney>

Billy Blue College of Design Info Night

4 September. 6.00pm – 8.00pm
We know choosing the right course is top priority and a BIG decision, that's why we make sure everyone is on deck to answer your questions at Info Night; lecturers, students, graduates, campus support staff and our Course & Careers Advisors.
<http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events>

Think Education Diploma of Nursing Info Session

6 September. 9.30am to 12.00pm
Level 3, 333 Kent Street, Sydney

Drop by to explore our purpose-built campus, meet our program managers, nurse educators, learning advisors, and students. Course and career advisors will also be available to answer all your questions.
<http://www.think.edu.au/nursing-info-sessions>

Academy of Film, Theatre & Television – Open Day

22 September. 9.30am to 2.30pm
41 Holt Street, Surry Hills
If you're searching for information about a career in Film, Acting or Stage Management then come along to our open day in May and learn how to build your creative future. You'll be able to soak up the culture, learn about the best way to finance your studies, meet our tutors and speak to current students about their experiences. Find out why AFTT is now

Australia's most contemporary fully immersive arts academy.
<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day>

GENERAL

Wanting to choose teaching as a career?

Apply 14 September
The NSW Department of Education has scholarships open to HSC students who want to become teachers. Inspire the next generation of teachers and encourage your students to apply for a scholarship. They will receive a head start in their teaching career with a permanent teaching job at the end of their tertiary teaching studies.
teach.nsw.edu.au/get-paid-to-study

From all of those you have so kindly supported:

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A welcoming place to stay for women and their children escaping family violence.

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Kindergarten, the Philippines

Offering early education and a daily feeding program for the impoverished children of Bacolod.

Santa Teresa (Lyentye Apurte)

Lyentye Apurte is a remote Aboriginal community, 85km from Alice Springs. Good Sams support the local community in programs that build resilience and sustainability.

Early Learning Centre, Kiribati

Early education and support for children living in Atokata and neighbouring villages.

Good Samaritan Education Grants

Our unique education grants assist Australian high school students to reach their full potential.

Good Samaritan Scholarships, Timor Leste

Educational scholarships to assist young people to build a better future for themselves and their nation.

Good Sams assist the needy in many other communities across Australia and the Pacific, including refugees and asylum seekers, women subjected to human trafficking and more.



The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop's normal trading hours during term time are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 2pm

All fittings are by appointment - please call Jeneva on: 9552 2870

SEPTEMBER is now open to book your fitting appointment

Be early and be organized!

2019 SENIORS CAN DROP IN FOR A FITTING

DURING RECESS AND LUNCHTIME

Uniforms will be available for purchase on the day of fitting.

An order will be placed for any items not available.

Summer and winter uniforms will be fitted.

To book appointments online:

1. Visit www.ranier.com.au;
2. Click on Book Appointments in the lower right hand corner
3. Enter the school password **stschol2037**

If you have a question or to book a fitting appointment,
please call Mrs Jeneva Sveyda:

Ph: 02 9552 2870 or Email: scholasticas@ranier.com.au

2nd Hand Uniforms

For all enquiries about purchasing second-hand uniforms,
please send an email to: uniformroom@scholastica.nsw.edu.au
or call the Front Office on 9660 2622.