



# SCHOLS NEWS

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## From the Principal



### Reflection

*Our reflection focuses on fasting and feasting to help us keep Lent holy.*

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling within them.

Fast from emphasis on difference; Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from selfishness; Feast on generosity.

Fast from excess; Feast on moderation.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on divine providence.

Fast from unrelenting pressure; Feast on unceasing prayer.

### St Scholastica's Day

Thank you to the parents/carers and other family members who attended our Schols Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 9 February. It was a most fitting celebration of our Catholic community and the Benedictine, Good Samaritan foundations and charism of the College. My address provided the opportunity to launch the 'Year of *Communio*', through the dual lenses of community and humility. Communal time over an extended lunch and House meetings enhanced the spirit already apparent throughout the morning liturgy.

The Year of *Communio* is a focus for all Good Samaritan schools in 2018. *Communio* calls us

to live in communion with God, each other and the cosmos. *Communio* is the heart and soul of Benedictine life and shapes our collective identity. The word presumes participation so draws us to collective engagement in membership of this special Good Samaritan community. Humility will be a key feature of efforts to build a community that authentically reflects communion.

St Scholastica's feast day was on 10 February. At this time of the year we remember the important contribution she made to Western monasticism, directly and indirectly. The abbey Scholastica founded in Subiaco in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century beside the monastery founded by her famous brother, St Benedict, still stands today. St Scholastica remains an important model for Christian service and prayer.

### Parent Partnership

A number of events this term encourage family engagement with the College. They include:

- Parent Portal/website trial
- St Scholastica's Day Mass and morning tea
- International Women's Day Breakfast
- Year 11 Information Evening
- Year 7 Information Presentation
- Welcome BBQ (Year 7 families and new families)
- Swimming Carnival
- Boarder family Mass and dinner
- Open Day

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The following parent partnerships are being established this term:

- Social – organising year group parent social gatherings and assisting organisation of community social events.
- Fundraising – working with the College to raise funds for College improvement initiatives, including the building program.
- Community outreach and events – joining students/staff in community welfare efforts and participating in College events. Parents/carers nominating for this group would be invited to join staff/students in some of the College outreach initiatives and would provide support for College events.
- Consultation - contributing to school initiatives and the improvement agenda by providing a parent perspective when required. This group would be contacted for feedback on various occasions when a parent perspective is sought.

*If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please nominate by emailing Carolyn Walker at [cwalker@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cwalker@scholastica.nsw.edu.au) with the subject: Parent Partnerships.*

### Whole-School Literacy

Tactical Teaching Writing has been embedded across all teaching programs and throughout assessment

tasks over the past two years. This year we are introducing the Tactical Teaching Reading and in future years, Listening, Speaking and Thinking. The embedding of strategies across all Key Learning Areas enables a holistic approach to literacy development. Additionally, the QuickSmart and MultiLit programs will continue to offer remediation support for identified students. The College has developed an elective course, called Combined Foundations, which provides additional, intensive skill-development in Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 9 and 10. The College is also using “Literacy Planet” as an online resource for students in Year 7 and students participating in directed Literacy programs in Years 8 – 10. If you have any concerns about your daughter’s literacy development, please contact our Literacy Coordinator, Ms Karen Fahey via email: [kfahey@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kfahey@scholastica.nsw.edu.au).

### Masterplan Update

The Development Application for Stages 2 and 3 was lodged in December and the period of consultation has now concluded. Recent discussions have centred on underground and overland water management, fire management, landscaping and external finishes.

Parents and carers are invited to view the new Stage 1 facilities during Open Day on 18 March.

**Mrs Kate Rayment**

## From the Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

### Student Leadership

Congratulations to our newly elected Year 11 Prefects! These students will work as Student Leaders in these positions for 2018 only, as our transition to our new student leadership system is completed. The wonderful team of Year 12 Prefects remain in their roles as partners and mentors for the Year 11 Prefects.

### 2018 Year 11 Prefects

#### Liturgy

Ashleigh Chatelier

#### Social Justice

Alexandra Zogopolous

#### Drama

Rose Fitz

#### Music

Grace Mitchell

#### Debating and Public Speaking

Katherine Willows

#### Adamson

Lara Mason

Emily Leung

Jessica Snare

#### Byrne

Julia Ventura

Sophie Bezzina

India Vickery

#### Clarke

Genevieve Ripard

Kaitlin Azzi

Tarnia Mamo

#### Gibbons

Ocean Parry

Matilda Knaggs

Meg Hogan

#### Hart

Stephanie Kapsimalis

Millie Hughes

Madison Barrie

#### McLaughlin

Nicola Bordignon

Laura Elworthy

Emily Anderson

#### Ronayne

Hannah O’Connell

Isabella Zaloumes

Maya Urquhart

## House Councils

Congratulations also to our House Councils who have had their first meetings for 2018. The Councils are made up of the Class Captains from Years 7 – 10 House Homerooms, the senior Prefects and House Captains. The maturity and energy from these newly formed Councils was demonstrated by the House Captains in their reporting of the Council Meeting deliberations. This included reflections on the students' experience of St Scholastica's Day, plans for lunchtime activities, future fund raising organisation for the Good Sam Foundation and ideas for the Swimming Carnival, in line with the College focus on stewardship. These Councils replace our former SRC structure, and will be meeting twice a term.

## New Families BBQ and Year 7 Information Presentation

I welcome all our new student families to join us for the New Families BBQ on Saturday night. The Year 7 families are warmly invited to attend the Information Presentation at 5.00pm, preceding the BBQ. During this presentation we will cover the upcoming Year 7 Camp, and cover some of the key points from the organisation and study skills sessions that Mr Eussen and I, alongside the IT department's Ed Tillyer and Jiva Berry, have worked through with the classes this week.

## Student Organisation

Each student has been issued with her 2018 Student Diary. The Diary has important information related to College Policies and contact information for students and families. Students are encouraged to use the Diary to organise their school commitments, record reminders regarding assessments and note details for homework.

Using the Assessment Calendar sent out each term by Mr Adrian Eussen, students are able to see the spread

of assessment obligations over the term. This can be of great use to families when considering different commitments and events across the term.

Using the Assessment Calendar and College Diary together will allow students and families to feel confident about and be organised for the term ahead. If any difficulties arise in relation to class work, students are reminded to seek help from their class teachers. More broad concerns regarding organisation should be shared with the Guidance Coordinator.

## Contact Regarding Attendance

I take this opportunity to remind all families that if your daughter is going to be late for school or away from school due to illness, to please email: [attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au), and provide your daughter's name, Homeroom and the reason for being absent or late.

To apply for student leave please also email: [attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au) and provide the dates for which you are requesting leave, your daughter's name and Homeroom, and the reason for request. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that attendance information is timely and accurate.

## Student Pride in Rooms and Uniform

Finally, a well-deserved moment of praise for all the students who have worked so hard already this term to maintain stewardship of Homerooms, and to those who have worked with their family's support to ensure that their uniform is consistently in line with College policy. Our House Mentors have been working with Homeroom teachers and Guidance Coordinators, and have been impressed by the efforts of many students. Our Guidance Coordinators are available for discussions regarding uniform, and are working to assist where there are concerns. Thank you to our students and families for your support.

The proud Year 7 Gibbons group → with some of the House leaders.

Ms Jen Petschler



## From the Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

### Years 9-10 Parent/Student Study Skills Evening

#### **Date claimer - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents and students in Years 9 and 10 are invited to the College to hear Dr Prue Salter present an interactive evening on tools and techniques for students to achieve their personal academic best. The night will begin at 6.00pm and finish approximately 7.40pm. Please see the flyer at the end of this Newsletter. Students are expected to attend with at least one parent. Any Year 10 student who did not attend last year is welcome to come along.

### Year 7 Study Skills

This week Ms Petschler and I conducted study skills sessions with Year 7 classes. The key messages from the lessons were for the girls to stay organised and use their diary to help them prepare, in particular, that the use of assessment calendars were critical in planning for optimum performance. We also looked at what constituted a good study space; how to organise computer files appropriately; and the importance of allowing enough time to plan so they can perform to the best of their ability.

Mr Tillyer, our IT Manager also worked with Year 7s to ensure they had access to the internet, textbooks and classes online through Canvas.

**Mr Adrian Eussen**

### Year 12 Learning Progress Meetings

Parents were sent a letter on Monday with details of how to book for the upcoming Learning Progress Meetings. The Learning Progress Meetings will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the new Subiaco building from 3.45pm to 6.00pm. To make a booking go to School Interviews Online at this address: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?z=n1Ha82>. The booking code is **96smy**.

### Homework Club

This is a reminder to parents and carers that Homework Club runs from 3.30-5.00pm. If students need to leave early then a note is required and given to the tutors.

### Disability Provisions

Any Year 12 student who has not forwarded her paperwork to the College regarding disability provisions will need to do so as soon as possible. It may take a little time to receive a decision from NESA and, if your daughter was given a provision last year there is no guarantee she will receive the same provision this year, please note the deadline for existing conditions is April 13. If you need paperwork, please see Ms Burton. We follow NESA's guideline

## From the Head of Curriculum

### Minimum Standard Literacy and Numeracy

Students in Year 10 who did not meet the minimum standards in NAPLAN in 2017 will have a number of opportunities to attempt the online tests in 2018. Apart from our whole school approach to literacy and numeracy across all subject areas, the College is also monitoring each student in preparation for these online tests. The plan forward includes:

- Identifying those students who have not met the minimum requirements in any of the three key areas, Reading, Writing and Numeracy.
- Determining growth of students since taking the NAPLAN test in May 2017 by looking at each student's data.
- Providing opportunities for practising the test online will allow students to feel more prepared and confident.

We are very mindful that this process overwhelms some students and we will work with individual students to determine the best time for them to sit the test.

**Ms Margaret Taborda**

For any questions, please contact either:  
Ms Margaret Taborda, Head of Curriculum, [mtaborda@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mtaborda@scholastica.nsw.edu.au), or  
Ms Karen Fahey, Literacy Coordinator, [kfahey@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kfahey@scholastica.nsw.edu.au)

### Year 11

Meeting with both the Year 11 parents and students took place this term to discuss the expectations of the Stage 6 Course. A reminder that the last two weeks of Term 3 are the scheduled final Preliminary Examinations. It is very important that parents observe the schedules and not book holidays during this time. The value of students experiencing an examination block in preparation for the Higher School Certificate is vital.

### Girls Programming Network – Uni of Sydney

The next workshop will be held on Saturday 22nd April at the University of Sydney. Registrations for this workshop will open in March. I will advertise this in the Newsletter but it is advisable that parents and students register for the mailing list on their website: <https://sites.google.com/site/girlsprogrammingnetw/ork/>

# From the Boarding School

It was an action-packed fortnight in the boarding school!

Sunday outings saw the boarders going for a swim at Coogee beach, and then into Darling Harbour for Laser Tag...and a chance to try out the arcade games!



Feb 14 and the girls celebrated St Valentine's Day in red or pink.



Everyone was invited to write a Valentine's message and together we made our Wall of Love.

As usual, the food was delicious and there was a special treat for dessert!



In Winima the GIANT UNO cards have been a hit with the Year 7s.

Some boarders created lovely stained-glass sun-catchers.

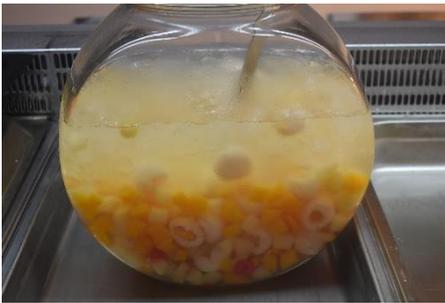


## Chinese/Lunar New Year

The Dining room was decorated with all the trimmings for Chinese/Lunar New Year celebrations – the Year of the Dog. Boarders enjoyed sweet-and-sour chicken, fried rice, dumplings and Lychee punch!

Some of the Year 12 International students decorated the dining room with traditional lanterns and New Year images.

Moneybags (with chocolate money), fortune cookies and prawn crackers topped off the night!



Our Boarder Co-Captains Eloise and Tia, along with our Heads of New Boarders, Issy & Kate, hosted the inaugural *Captain's Table* dinner.

24 Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects and other Boarding leaders from a number of Sydney schools joined the Schols leaders for a dinner and discussion about all things boarding. It was a great opportunity for the boarder leaders to meet, greet and eat...to exchange ideas and experiences. The girls came away from the evening inspired and with some new friends!



The gift bags on the table included a Keep Cup for each guest, thus encouraging conversation about the importance of recycling and reusing.



Lastly, we farewelled Trina Beldan who is leaving the Boarding School and Schols after 5 years, to fulfil her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. The boarding community will miss Trina, we wish her all the best on her new adventure!



# St Scholastica's College

## International Women's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

We are delighted to invite you to join us for breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day



7:30am to 8:30am in the Trixie Forest Centre (TFC)

As our special guest speaker, we are very proud to welcome

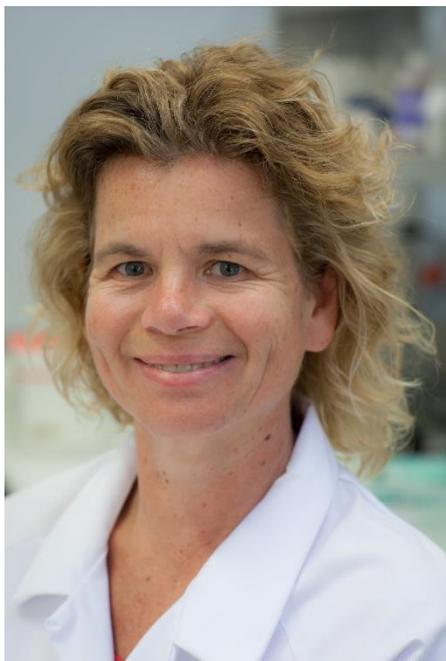
**Professor Alaina Ammit**

Professor Ammit will speak about her life as a Scientist and the road ahead for women in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths).

**There is no cost to attend this event, however for catering purposes we ask you to please book online as soon as possible or by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**[Click here now to book online](#)**

(or go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/355854> to register online)



### **Professor Alaina Ammit**

Alaina is one of no fewer than five Ammit sisters who attended Schols in the late 70s and early 80s. At the beginning of each school year, the teachers' refrain was "Oh no...not another Ammit". Despite spending much of Year 8 English outside the classroom, Alaina thinks of herself as 'spirited' rather than 'naughty'. But Schols eventually worked its magic and Alaina went onto university to graduate a Bachelor of Applied Science (Biomedical Science) from the University of Technology (UTS) and then went on to obtain a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Sydney.

Alaina, who is also a Schols Board Director, has more than 30 years' experience in the health and medical research sectors, both nationally and internationally. She is currently Associate Dean (Research) and Professor of Respiratory Pharmacology in the Faculty of Science at UTS and Professor and Director of the Woolcock Emphysema Centre at the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research.

We are very pleased to welcome Alaina back to the College.

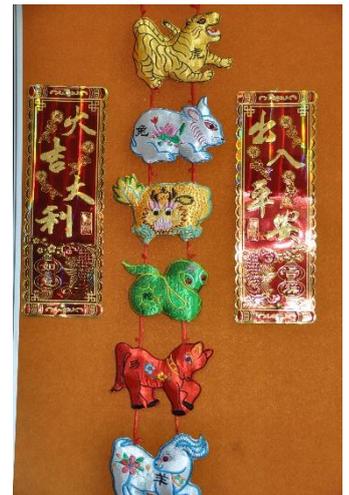
# From the International Students

## Lunar New Year Celebrations

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, the International students hosted a Chinese/Lunar New Year morning tea for staff. The senior students talked about Chinese/Lunar New Year, what it means to them and how they would celebrate if they were home.



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, a group of day and boarding students headed into the city with Ms Di Giacomo, Ms O'Brien and Ms Quarmbly to take part in the Chinese New Year celebrations. The evening started with a light rail ride followed by a ferry to Circular Quay and for some students, this was their first ever ferry ride in Sydney, so there was much excitement. The city had a fantastic display of the 12 Chinese Zodiac animals including a giant dragon, rats and rabbits. At the Opera House, there was a huge dog in a traditional floral Changshan, a great firework display followed by the Harbour Bridge lighting up all red. The outing concluded with compulsory ice-creams and a ferry ride home.



## From the Head of Mission

A Year 7's Reflection on Ash Wednesday by Lucy Blue, Year 7.6, McLaughlin

*Today was the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. For some in my class, it will be their first liturgy, for me, my eighth. However, for all of us in the class, it will be the first time we ever enter the St Scholastica's Chapel. From the outside, it is an old, but beautiful Chapel and on the inside, it is breathtaking.*

*As we enter the Chapel, everyone is immediately silenced, not by teachers, but by the incredible sight, we behold. Everything is a stunning white, with gold outlines that glitter in the sunlight. The stained-glass windows give the Chapel a sudden burst of colour. A senior girl hands me a booklet so that I can follow the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We are seated and for a*

*while, we listen to Senior Students reading the Word, a single candle is blown out to symbolise that when we choose to distance ourselves from God and one another we choose darkness rather than light.*

*On a side table, Project Compassion boxes are placed, as well as small shallow dishes filled with the ashes soon to be on our foreheads. We stand and walk towards the altar where we are to receive the ashes. At the end of the liturgy, a final prayer is read and the candle on the deep purple cloth on the altar is lit again symbolising our choice to seek the light of Christ in all that we do during Lent. We exit the Chapel and resume class.*



**Ms Fran Vella**

Mission Coordinator

## From the Drama Department

Excursion to OnStage

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Years 11 and 12 Drama classes attended an evening excursion to Onstage at the Seymour Centre. Onstage is a showcase of outstanding Group and Individual Performance pieces from the 2017 HSC examinations. Many design projects were also on display, namely set and

costume designs as well as works of Theatre Criticism, Director's Portfolios and Research Projects. The works on display provide outstanding benchmarks for the girls and help them structure their own works for success. Thank you to Mr Whaley who accompanied me on this excursion.

**Ms Leanne Sills**

Drama Coordinator



# From the Visual Arts Department

## The Visual Arts Diary

Visual Arts is a popular and well-supported subject at St Scholastica's. All students must complete 100 mandatory hours which are covered across one semester in Year 7 and another semester in Year 8. If your daughter is studying Visual Arts this semester she will be recording her research, ideas, experimentation and her Critical and Historical Studies in her Visual Arts Process Diary. Please take a look through your daughter's Art Diary to see what work she has been covering in class.

## ArtExpress

Our 2017 HSC class achieved excellent results with *all* students achieving Bands 5 and 6. Congratulations to **Katriya Ng**, whose Body of Work, *Cities of Forever*, is currently on exhibition in ArtExpress at the Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery and Arts Centre in Gympie. At the opening night ceremony Mayor of Sutherland Shire, Carmelo Pesce, spoke about *'the powerful way that young people can highlight what is on their mind'* through their artmaking and of the *'amazing talent'* that was on display in the exhibition. Director of Secondary Education, NSW Department of Education, Lila Mularczyk, spoke about Visual Arts as the *'wonderful global language that gives voice to individuals throughout the community.'* Of the

ArtExpress exhibition Ms Mularczyk reminded the audience that it is acclaimed nationally and internationally, it inspires students and teachers, and it showcases highly resolved works that are the culmination of creative thinking, problem solving techniques and complex conceptual reasoning. From the 9,097 students who sat the Visual Arts HSC examination last year only 175 students' works are selected for the ArtExpress exhibitions which are held in ten venues across the State.

Well done **Katriya**, and **Ruby Pedder**, whose works will be exhibited at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery in Windsor in May!

<http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Community/Hazelhurst/Education/Teacher-Resources/ARTEXPRESS-2018-Student-Works/Katriya-Ng>

<http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Community/Hazelhurst/>

Students who love making art may want to enter the Operation Art or Young Archies competitions. If you are interested please email me for details or see me in Artroom J6 at lunchtime on Thursdays.

## Ms Vicki Armstrong

Visual Arts Coordinator



**Katriya Ng**

## From the Science Department

All students interested in Science should keep an eye on Science News to ensure they are aware of the diverse opportunities that are available for students.

**Applications are now open for some of the following workshops, activities and tests:**

For Years 7 -12

### Big Science Competition

The Big Science Competition is a 50 minute, 30 multiple-choice question competition testing critical thinking and problem solving skills, not just factual recall. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable and interesting. If you are interested in registering, please email Ms Julian at [rjulian@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rjulian@scholastica.nsw.edu.au) identifying your Science teacher, science class and year group.



For Years 9 -12

### US Space Academy Program



The dates of the 2018 Space Camp Program are Saturday 29 September -Tuesday 16 October 2018. During the week-long Advanced Space Program, students are provided with hands-on training as well as learning about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include Engineering, Space Technology and Aerospace Science.

The program will also include visits to attractions in Los Angeles, New York and Washington. Online information sessions are occurring at the end of February. For more information go to the website ([www.spacecamp.com.au](http://www.spacecamp.com.au))

### Cochlear Autumn School of Engineering

This four day program (16 – 19 April) provides opportunities for students to experience different engineering disciplines in the workplace. Students will meet and interact with engineers in from a broad range of disciplines, attend lectures and demonstrations and participate in industry site visits. Applications are on a first come, first served basis.

For more information go to: [www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney](http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney)



### Science Public Lectures at University of Sydney

If you would like to subscribe to some of the public lectures at the University of Sydney, have a look at the following websites. Lectures are free and open to all members of the community however, you must register first:

- Sydney Science Forum : <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/whats-on/forum/index.shtml>
- Sydney Ideas : <https://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/sydney-ideas/science-technology.html> ; <https://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/sydney-ideas/health-medicine.html>



**Ms Robyn Julian**

Assistant Co-ordinator Science



## Something To Croak About!

FrogID is a national citizen science project that is helping us learn more about what is happening to Australia's frogs. All around the country, people are recording frog calls with nothing more than a smartphone. Many frogs are hard to see and even when you do spot them, they often look very similar, however every frog has a unique call! This makes call recordings the easiest way to identify frogs!

### Frogs Count!

Australia has over 240 known species of frog, almost all of which are found nowhere else in the world. Some species are flourishing, like the Striped Marsh Frog. But others have declined dramatically since the 1980s, and four have become extinct. Frogs are a sign of a healthy environment, with the data obtained through FrogID we will be able to identify where frogs are thriving and where they aren't. And by matching calls to weather and habitat, we are learning more about how different frog species are responding to a changing environment.

Get involved today!

1. Visit: <https://www.frogid.net.au/>
2. Download the FrogID App
3. Explore your local garden, wetland or creek
4. Record frog calls using the app



frogid.net.au



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# Sports News

## A Sporting Success Story

### Congratulations to Mia Economou.

In the Regional Athletics Championships Mia, in a time of 45.13 seconds, broke the record for the 300m hurdles and recorded a PB. In the 100m hurdles, in 14.75 seconds both Mia and the winner broke the record for the event.

In the State Junior Championships Mia came third in the 100m Hurdles.

Mia will also be competing at the Australian Junior Championships where she has qualified to compete in 3 events: the 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and the 200m sprint.

Fantastic effort Mia and best wishes from us all!



### Swimming:

Congratulations to the St Scholastica's Swimming Team. The girls competed in numerous events at the MLC Invitation Swimming Meet last Friday and they are to be congratulated on their teamwork and support of one and other. The students placed first in the overall points' scores taking home the invitational trophy. Congratulations to: **Molly Busch, Jade McDonnell, Taegan Williams, Scarlett Deas, Alex Deas, Angelica Sharkey, Phoebe Cummins, Naomi Williams, Caitlin Blackford, Bella Southern and Stefania Maxwell.**



### Cricket:

The girls who competed in the CGSSSA Cricket Gala Day on Tuesday won multiple games to make it to the semi-finals. They came up against a much older Monte side in the semi-final but came close, losing by just 5 runs. A wonderful effort and congratulations to: **Afeni Tabuai- Salee, Urshula Clarke-Jackey, Ellie Shephard, Sophia Hadwen, Sophie Allum, Chloe Taylor, Tessa Fewtrell, Amy Roche, Rachel Skinner and Eliza Skinner**



### Important Notices:

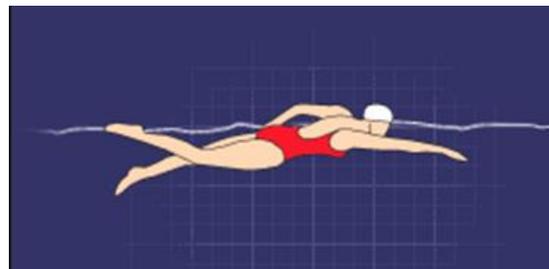
- **Sport on Weekends:** Students are asked to be at their sporting event 30 minutes prior to the start of the games. This will ensure adequate time to warm up and for team building.
- If students are unable to attend either a sporting event or training **both coach and Ms Osborne must be informed** beforehand. Failure to do so warrants an Infringement Card. The Infringement Card system has been emailed to all students.
- **Uniform:** Please remind students that they must be 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.



## Swimming Carnival – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – North Sydney Pool

The St Scholastica's College Swimming Carnival is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 and will be held at North Sydney Pool (4 Alfred St, Milsons Point) for the first time.

This day is a compulsory school day for all students. If your daughter is unable to attend the Carnival because of illness, you are asked to contact the school and a medical certificate is to be supplied for a medical condition. The medical certificate must be provided to the Homeroom teacher on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.



Following are a few important points that will assist in ensuring that the day runs smoothly:

- As part of the 'Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity', it is a requirement that all parents indicate their child's swimming ability. **Please complete the electronic permission note using this link:**  
[https://scholastica.formstack.com/forms/2018\\_st\\_scholastica\\_s\\_college\\_swimming\\_carnival](https://scholastica.formstack.com/forms/2018_st_scholastica_s_college_swimming_carnival)
- Students in Year 7 and boarders are to be at school by 7.45am. Buses will take students to and from the Pool. They will arrive back in time in the afternoon to meet the school specials. Students who intend to make their own way to the pool must indicate this on the electronic permission note.
- Students in Years 8-12 need to be at Bradfield Park, Milsons Point (under the Harbour Bridge, opposite the pool) by 8.40am for Homeroom. Students can make their way to the pool either by train to Milsons Point Station or by ferry from Balmain Wharf to Milsons Point Wharf. It is a short walk to the pool from both locations.
- Students in Years 8-12 will be dismissed between 2pm and 2.30pm to make their own way home from the pool.
- Students are to wear PE uniform to and from school and then change into House colours.
- It is important that all students are prepared for the day with sunscreen, hat and water. No iPods, mobile phones or valuables are permitted on the day.
- There is also no canteen on the day. Students must bring their own food.
- Swimming caps must be worn when competing, preferably in House colours.
- The CGSSSA Swimming Team will be selected from the results of the Carnival day. If you are selected, it is compulsory to attend the championship. Failure to fulfil your team obligation may mean you are ineligible to represent the College in other sports.
- The CGSSSA Swimming carnival is on Tuesday 13th March.
- **Appropriate swimming attire; no bikinis.** A singlet top could be worn over a bikini top. No shirts or shorts may be worn when competing. Lycra rash vests and board shorts are permitted.
- Parents and relatives are very welcome to attend and support their daughters. Pool entry is approx. \$6 and there is limited parking in the area.

### Ms Jodie Osborne and Ms Courtney Gorman

Sports Coordinator and PD/H/PE Teacher

Schols is participating in the Coles *Sports for Schools Program*. If you shop at Coles and are offered vouchers, please collect the vouchers, and give to students to bring to school and place in the collection boxes around the school. This is a great opportunity for all the community to get involved.

### Ms Leanne Palmer

PD/H/PE Co-ordinator



## Important Dates

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	New Parents Welcome BBQ, Year 7 Information Presentation
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 12 Learning Progress Meetings
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Swimming Carnival – North Sydney Pool
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women’s Day Breakfast
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Camp
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Boarders’ Mass and dinner
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Digital Citizenship Parent Info Evening for parents of Year 8 students
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – school closed, day in lieu of Open Day</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday public holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday public holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 12 exams commence
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term 1, College closes at 3:20pm</b>

## Term Dates

Term Dates 2018		
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1, College closes at 3:20pm,
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 2, College closes at 3:20pm
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term 3, College closes at 3:20pm
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4, College closes 3:20pm

Term Dates 2019		
<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1, College closes at 3:20pm,
<b>Term 2</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 2, College closes at 3:20pm
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of Term 3, College closes at 3:20pm
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Classes commence for all years
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4, College closes 3:20pm

# From the Careers Counsellor

## Mrs Jo Cousins

Careers Counsellor & VET Coordinator

Available Mon/Wed/Thurs

Email: [jcousins@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jcousins@scholastica.nsw.edu.au)

## UNI

### ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Webinar

6 March, 7.00pm The Tuckwell Scholarship Webinar is an exciting opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU. In addition to a brief overview of the Scholarship Program and application process, you will get to hear from a current Scholar about their experience of applying, as well as their perspectives on life and study at the ANU in Canberra Webinar dates: <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/applying/attend-webinar>

### University of Notre Dame Early Offer Program for 2019

Opens March and closes July. If you will be in Year 12 in 2018, register here to receive the information and application form for the Early Offer Program for 2019. <http://notredame.edu.au/sydney/early-offer.php>

### Budding Marine Biologists - UTAS Marine Discovery Scholarship

Apply by 27 February  
For 18 – 23 April  
Win a trip to Tasmania's East Coast to study the marine environment on Maria Island and get a taste of what studying at University is like while you are still in year 11 or 12. Apply here: <https://secure.utas.edu.au/imas/study/undergraduate/marinediscoverycompetition>

### Summer in Oxford Program

The CBL International Summer in Oxford offers high school students between the ages of 14 to 19 an exclusive opportunity to catch a glimpse of studying at prestigious universities in the United Kingdom. Participants spend part of their summer in an academically renowned city, studying a subject of their choice, and attending

workshops focusing on the university preparation and application process. Scholarships for: <http://summerinxford.com/scholarships/> To apply: <http://summerinxford.com/>

## TAFE

### TAFE Degrees

Achieve your academic and career goals with TAFE NSW Higher Education degrees or articulation and credit transfer from diploma study into degree programs. <http://sydneytafe.edu.au/courses/higher-education>

## COLLEGES

### Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Open Day

3 March, 9.30am to 2.00pm  
1 Chambers Rd, Leura  
**Personalised tour of the campus.** See firsthand the world-class facilities available. BMIHMS's simulated hotel environment is a real talking point for all new visitors. **Interactive practical workshops.** Get a feel for what to expect when you study your degree with BMIHMS. **Chat With lecturers, instructors & Students.** Bookings: [http://info.bluemountains.edu.au/open-day-2018/?utm\\_source=organicwebsite&utm\\_medium=homepagebanner&utm\\_campaign=OpenDay](http://info.bluemountains.edu.au/open-day-2018/?utm_source=organicwebsite&utm_medium=homepagebanner&utm_campaign=OpenDay)

### Torrens University Business Open Day

21 April 10.00am to 2.00pm  
1-5 Hickson Road, The Rocks  
Business, Commerce, Event Management, Marketing, Public Relations, Sport Management. Open Day is a great opportunity for you to discover the strong industry partnerships, the modern campus facilities and interactive online platforms that give our students the best possible academic

experience and great career outcomes. Register at: <http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/sydney-openday-business-2018>

## GENERAL

### Want to learn another language, make overseas friends and have a lifetime experience?

Find out more by requesting a free student exchange info pack in the mail! SMS "EXCHANGE" to 0428 246 733, email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or head to: <https://wep.org.au/>

### Aim for the Stars Foundation Scholarships

Closes 31 March  
Scholarships are awarded annually in many areas including sport, science, art, music and entertainment, environment and sustainability plus business. Young women who have initiative and passion and are committed to achieving a dream in their field of choice.

- \$4,000 grant
- Two-day workshop in Sydney with Layne Beachley (domestic flights and accommodation provided) plus a ticket to the Foundation's Gala celebration
- A dedicated mentor for monthly one-to-one sessions <https://www.aimforthestars.com.au/scholarships-register-interest>

### ADF Gap Year Applications Open

A Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force is more than just a great way to try out a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It is a fulfilling year of adventure, experiences, mateship, learning, leadership and travel. <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year/?faqCategory=1454724d-6b5c-4a69-b6fd-7ce4341b9fa4&faqTag=recruitment-process>

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop normal trading hours during term time are:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 2pm**

**\*\*\*All fittings are by appointment only, please call  
Jeneva on: 9552 2870\*\*\***

Uniforms will be available for purchase on the day of the 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](http://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 Sweyda:

Ph: 02 9552 2870 or Email: [scholasticas@ranier.com.au](mailto:scholasticas@ranier.com.au)

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms

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

St Scholastica's College presents an opportunity not to be missed:

# TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

PARENT AND STUDENT STUDY SKILLS EVENING

with Dr Prue Salter

**TO: PARENTS & STUDENTS OF YEAR 9 & YEAR 10**

(and Year 10 students who missed out last year or would like a refresher)

*Would you like to know the study skills secrets to success in high school?*

**YEARS 9 & 10 PARENT/STUDENT 'STUDY SKILLS' EVENING**

**Wednesday 7th March 2018, 6-7.40pm**

**St Scholastica's College**

(Note: please arrive 5-10 min prior to collect the family handout.)

Parent/Guardian(s) and students should **attend together** as the session is very interactive, the session will not be of full value unless both the students and a parent attend.

Both students and parents also need to **bring along a pen** (and one highlighter for the family) and the school diary.

The main areas that will be covered are:

- Managing homework and assignments effectively by efficient time management.
- Learning to be more organised for school and at home.
- Working and studying effectively in high school.



An interactive evening for parents and students outlines tools and techniques for students to achieve their personal academic best.

Dr Prue Salter is the founder of ELES ([www.enhanced-learning.net](http://www.enhanced-learning.net)) and an expert in the area of study skills. She has conducted over 4000 studyskills seminars across Australia and Asia, has written 20 study skills resource kits for schools and is the creator of the online and interactive study skills website used by more than 120000 students ([www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)).

Prue's PhD explores whole-school integrated approaches to developing students' self-regulated learning skills.

**DETACH AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL**

The following people from our family will be attending:

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_



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