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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Teachers' Day

Friday 30th October was World Teachers' Day. Teaching continues to be a challenging, rich and rewarding vocation. We are truly blessed to have quality teachers at Mt St Patrick College, who regularly go beyond expectations for the students and their colleagues. I thank them for bringing their varied gifts to our College, for the benefit of the community.

HSC Examinations continue

I have been amazed that in this unusual year our Year 12 students are very normal HSC students as they prepare for their exams. When I say normal, I mean the usual array of everything from calm to nervous. I am sure they are doing their very best which is our wish for them.

Everyone is doing it

As your child becomes a young adult, they will come under pressure from peers and from what they think is normal behaviour. It seems that pushing boundaries in the case of what we consume, media or substance wise, is becoming younger. I always hope that our young people will act appropriately for their age as we are young for a short period of time and there's plenty of time to be an adult. They will need assistance from parents to help guide them in this time. I am sure you are aware that this assistance and advice is not always taken with good grace. We have much better evidence about the detrimental effects of the consumption of substances and media on adolescents' brains and wellbeing. I would encourage you to be conservative in your approach and don't believe the "Everyone is doing it" line.

Values (and Jesus)

Often we speak of Christian values such as compassion, forgiveness, justice etc, but sometimes we leave out Jesus. As a Catholic school we try and bring these values to life in our actions and also make the connection to Jesus. "For Christians the stories of Jesus' life are important because they tell us about God's journey to be with us... They are God's roadmap for our lives. We read the stories of Jesus' life, not just with curiosity, but prayerfully because they take us deep into the magic of God's journey with us in Jesus and invite us to follow his way." (Australian Catholics Summer 20/21) Jesus laid out a good path for us to follow.

Be the Good and God Bless.

Paul Reidy Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 FORMAL

The Year 12 Formal will be taking place on Friday 20^{th} November from 5.15pm – 11.30pm in and around the Gilbey Hall.

The Parents and Friends Association will be running the bar on the night and are asking for help from any non-Year 12 parent or ex-student over the age of 18 with an RSA. The P and F are prepared to pay for any community member to do their online training to gain an RSA Certificate.

If this is you, and you are available and willing to help out on the night, please contact me at the College on 0266722340.

Mary-Anne McShane Assistant Principal

FROM THE LEADER OF CURRICULUM

EXAMS

Year 7 to 10 Exams commence on 11/11. The students have been directed to a website which provides the students with revision material and their Examination Timetable. This website is located on the moodle page under Study Skills. The students are required to place all examination materials eg calculator, pens and pencils in a clear plastic sleeve. Each examination commences with revision time so students take revision material to the exams. When it is time to commence exams, the students place all revision material at the front of the room and then commence exams under the instruction of the teacher.



ABSENT FOR AN EXAMINATION

If a student is absent for an examination or any assessment they must complete a variation to assessment form located on the College website under Curriculum. <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeW-HbM3wgUAu0DDB5utfDFgKwMrytaCGzGst4N108wWMbwaA/viewform</u>

Year 10-12 students require a Medical Certificate if absent from an examination or assessment task. The Medical Certificate is to be emailed to the class teacher.

Year 7-9 need to fill in the form.

Catch up Examinations for absent students will be scheduled.

How can parents help?

Ask your child to open up the revision website and show you the timetable and revision material so you can be aware of the expectations. Preparation for examinations teach the students important revision skills.

We wish all the students well in preparing for Examinations. The mark is not important, the effort is important. "We only fail when we fail to try"

Regards

Narelle Sherrah

FACULTY NEWS

HSIE

NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK (MON 9 TO SUN 15 NOVEMBER 2020)

The MSPC Enviro group is going to participate in a range of activities to promote resource use in our community. Students are invited to view and/or participate in the activities below in preparation. Watch the Daily Bulletin for meetings, which can now be held for specific year groups.

Resources

General Recycling Information- Planet Ark: <u>https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/education/</u> Recycling Bin Specific Information – Council: <u>https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/YellowBins</u> Additional Recycling Information- Council: <u>https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/RecyclingReducing</u>

• Also:

Go to **Tweed Shire Council's Facebook** page, 'upcoming events' for online events available to individuals during National Recycling Week: Recycle Right, Living with Less, Beyond The Bin, Intentional Wardrobe and DIY Beeswax Wraps.

Chris Core Leader of Learning - HSIE Mt St Patrick College Newsletter

MATHEMATICS

The NSW Government recently launched a new *Everyday Maths* hub which aims to help parents support their children's Mathematical skills and understanding with fun, practical and creative activities. You can click the link above to find resources for implementing simple activities into your day to day life that help to build mathematical understanding and helps children see the significance of mathematics. You can also follow #MathsTrainsBrains on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, to see how other people are getting involved.

Congratulations

Anja Griffin (Year 8) and Ysabella Purser (Year 11) have been shortlisted in the student category for this year's Mathspace Transformative 20 Awards. This national awards program seeks to recognise and celebrate 20 students who have demonstrated a real commitment to their development and learning in Mathematics. The award winners will be announced on Monday 23rd November. I wish them both good luck and congratulate them on their fantastic efforts this year.

Ysabella has also been successful in gaining an invitation to participate in the National Mathematics Summer School. This is a program in which students participate in a number of courses on different branches of Mathematics not typically studied as part of the school curriculum.

Steps to success in Mathematics Yearly Examinations

I would like to remind students of some valuable resources/strategies that they could be doing/using now in order to help them consolidate the learning which takes place in class and also prepare for their assessment tasks.

- 1. Create a summary sheet at the completion of each topic. These may include a list of formulas, worked examples and any other important concepts that were covered in class.
- 2. <u>www.mathspace.co</u> Every student should have login details for this website. They are able to watch videos, read lesson notes and complete interactive questions online. The students are even able to "ask for help" with harder questions and hints will prompt the student through their responses.
- 3. Attend "Maths Help" in room F31 during lunch each Thursday.

Dan Anderson Leader of Learning - Mathematics

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Olivia Glazebrook, Year 9 student, attended the NSW Country Basketball High-Performance Program (HPP) on October 10th and 11th in Maitland NSW. Olivia was selected into the under 17's Basketball NSW Shootout Program. This program targets participants identified as potential players for the following year's Under 18's state team. The

Shootout is located at Hills basketball stadium in Castle Hill NSW, from the 16th to the 18th of January. We wish Olivia all the very best in her efforts between now and then, and remind all students interested in basketball that there are school pathways for Opens in Term 1 with a competition in Coffs Harbour and our junior teams in Term 3.

WEEKLY SPORT

Our weekly sport sessions are continuing to enjoy the fine weather and with the exception of a few fractures at skating on Tuesday 3rd November, everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. Check out the great action shots from the group at the Casuarina High Performance Centre last Tuesday.





SUCCESS AT FISHING









This term, fishing has proved to be a popular sport amongst girls and boys across Years 7 - 11.

Year 7 Loreto student, Kaleb Arnold, is pictured here holding his 45cm long flathead.

He kissed it (alah Rex Hunt) and threw it back.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Help need for the Year 12 Formal

Would any artistic parent like to help with painting a graffiti banner for the Year 12 Formal. Please call Mrs O'Brien at the College (02 66722340)

CALENDARS & ROSTERS

Term 4

Week 5		Week 6				
Mon	9/11	Day 11	Mon	16/11	Day	16
Tues	10/11	Day 12	Tues	17/11	Day	17
Wed	11/11	Day 13	Wed	18/11	Day	18
Thurs	12/11	Day 14	Thurs	19/11	Day	19
Fri	13/11	Day 15	Fri	20/11	Day	20

2019 CALENDAR Nov 11th Yr 7 &

11th Yr 7 & 8 Exams begin

- Final HSC Exam for MSPC
- 18th Yr 9 & 10 Exams start
- 18th-20th P1&2 Yr 11 RRISK
- 19th Newsletter home
- 20th 6pm Yr 12 Formal
- 25th Yr 9 & 10 Catch up Exams

AWARDS

CO-ORDINATOR'S, PRINCIPAL'S AND COLLEGE AWARDS

NAGLE CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS Year 7 Marly Kuramochi

Year 8 Jacob Lanyon, Kiana Tyack, Esther Nuske.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Marly Kuramochi

LISIEUX CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS Year 8 Patrick Kee, Emily Simpson, Ned Rogers.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS Year 8 Patrick Kee

LORETO CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS Year 7 Trisha Sharma, Kathryn Warren.

Year 8 Elise Albertini, Cailey Baker, Lily Cronly, (2), Bronson Hockley, Nicholas Males, Cooper Robinson, Sascha Worley.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

Week 5

9/11 Helpers Needed

- 10/11 Lisa Stella
- 11/11 Chris Reynolds
- 12/11 Jacqui Harris
- 13/11 Gene Molloy

Week 6

- 16/11 Sue O'Connor 17/11 Jenny Gatt 18/11 Chris Reynolds 19/11 Stacey Weaver
- 20/11 Billy Battese

Year 9 Finn Byrnes, Jack Devoy, April Parnaby, Lachlan Shoobridge, Lilly Steele.

Year 10 Ruby Denner

Year 11 Riley Ryder

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Trisha Sharma, Sascha Worley.

Year 9 April Parnaby, Lachlan Shoobridge.

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CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS Year 7

Jesse Barrett, Sophie Forsyth, Ameliah Houghton, Isabelle Levings.

Year 8 Jade Ashton, Leo Thomas, Astra Fisher.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS Year 7

Jesse Barrett, Sophie Forsyth.

Year 8 Leo Thomas

COMMUNITY NEWS





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MUSIC TUTOR

PIANO / KEYBOARD

St Ambrose Primary School, Pottsville has an extensive and very successful music program and is currently looking for qualified, enthusiastic and motivated Piano / Keyboard Tutor.

The tutor would instruct students during the course of the day - currently Wednesday, although day would be negotiable.

Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate experience / qualifications
- Friendly, welcoming personality
- · Ability to teach a range of students, from beginners to highly proficient
- Willingness to work within an existing music team.
- Sound organisational and management skills
- Proven reliability
- Skills required to support the growth of the school music program

Applications including two current referees can be submitted to:

sapot@lism.catholic.edu

Applications close Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Ph: 02 66760099 for further details



Getting Ready for Christmas with Fr Rob



A night for all the family



Fr Rob Galea CATHOLIC PRIEST // KEYNOTE SPEAKER RECORDING ARTIST // AUTHOR

Join Fr Rob in music and message as we:

- Prepare ourselves for something great, for greatness that has happened and greatness that is yet to come.
- Focus on the reason for the seasons of Advent & Christmas

Love

• Open our hearts for the coming of Jesus



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