

The Angel

Thursday 8th February 2018, Volume 1



Prayer for a new Year:

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers

Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.

May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again. Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.

Help us to learn and to work together.

Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends, help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our College and keep us safe.

Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

Bless all those who care for us In school and at home.

Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us and help us to live as well as we can Giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

AMEN

Principal's News

Dear Parents / Guardians, Staff, Students and Friends of St Mary of the Angels,

A warm welcome to everybody who is new to our community, staff, students and families and an equally warm welcome back to the existing members of our St Mary of the Angels family. The year has started full of energy and enthusiasm and it has been fantastic to witness such a positive start. Our new Year 7 students have enjoyed an extensive College induction program to familiarize themselves with our facilities. This has included an introduction to their Macbook computers, team building activities and an orientation activity around the College.

Last week our Year 7 students also participated in a "commentated" Mass with Fr Michael Grace and Deputy Principal, Mr. Chris Dainton. The Mass was "commentated" and explained to further familiarize the students with the symbols, responses and structure of Mass. Thank you to Fr. Michael for your expertise and willingness to assist the students to further understand a key ingredient of a Catholic Education and our faith.

On Monday evening we conducted a Year 7 Welcome BBQ and Badge Ceremony. Thank you to everybody who attended and supported the evening. The badge is symbolized by a dove and the date, 2023. The Dove is a prominent component of our College Logo and is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, whose inspiration and guidance we seek to follow. The date signifies the graduation year for our Year 7 class of 2018 and represents the six-year relationship between the students, families and College as we walk the highs and lows of school together.

Our Year 11 and 12 students also participated in their annual retreat programs last week. The retreats were a great success with the students engaged in discussion about their futures, their goals and aspirations, values and faith. Furthermore, our Year 8, 9 and 10 staff and students participated in an extensive induction program. The induction program provides the perfect opportunity



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for our year level teams to form positive relationships, get to know each other, deepen our understanding of our faith and Franciscan charism and establish classroom and year level norms and guidelines that will govern our work throughout the year.

In summary, all of our work together inclusive of faith and spiritual life, pastoral and wellbeing support and our learning and teaching program is grounded in the formation of deep, positive relationships. From this base, together we can achieve anything!

Finally, it gives me enormous pleasure to welcome our new and returning staff members to our community.

I am sure they will be provided a warm welcome into our community.

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| • Chris Dainton | Deputy Principal, Catholic Identity. |
| • Brodie Ross | Sports Leader / Year 7 Team |
| • Rowan Priest | Wellbeing Team |
| • Zoe Backway | Gap Year Trainee – Education Support |
| • Jesse Trower | Gap Year Trainee – Education Support |
| • Sally Clifton | Administration Team |
| • Christie Schram | Administration Team |
| • Vilia Sutherland | Hospitality Team |
| • Belinda Rankin | Returning from maternity leave |
| • Diana Wilson | Returning from family leave |

With Peace and Goodwill,
Matt Carver

*'Preach the Gospel
at all times
and when necessary use
Words'*

NEW STAFF PICTURED WITH SOME FAMILIAR FACES AT ST MARY OF THE ANGELS

Back(L-R):

Rowan Priest, Jesse Trower, Philip Davis, Brodie Ross, Chris Dainton, Matt Carver.

Front (L-R):

Zoe Backway, Christie Schram, Vilia Sutherland, Sally Clifton, Renee McCance.



Business Manager's News

Philip Davis

College Business Manager

An important reminder to families who hold a valid Health Care Card. You can apply for Camps, Sports and Excursion funding from the Victorian Government. A CSEF application form is attached to this week's Newsletter alternatively, it can be downloaded from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef and returned to the College as soon as possible. The funds are paid to the College and are set off against College Fees.

Additionally families who hold a valid Health Care Card and who are approved for Camps, Sports and Excursion funding will also receive a further discount of \$1000 off their 2018 College fees.

Should you have any questions please give me a call at the College on 03 58662222.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)?

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.



One hundred and eleven Year 7 students began their secondary school journey at St Mary of the Angels in 2018.

Chris Dainton

Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

Starting something new isn't easy- you ask the Year 7's. There are names to learn, rooms to find, laptops to master and peers to work alongside. Times like these can be daunting and energy-sapping. I enjoyed the summer break, but in the background there was this niggling uncertainty that followed me. I knew that soon I would walk through the doors of St Mary of the Angels College Nathalia and life would never be the same.

It seems true that we often prepare ourselves for the worst of outcomes rather than the best and I wish we didn't do that. After having two and a half weeks under my belt here at the College I don't know what I was worried about. St Mary of the Angels College is welcoming, friendly, relaxed, focused and full of joy. I now have a collection of amazing moments from my first weeks and I expect many more to join them.

The most poignant is a memory from the last day of Year 12 Retreat at Feathertop Lodge in Harrietville. As we cleaned our cabins and packed our bags for home on the very last morning, I knew that a miserable task was awaiting me in the boys' common room. Over the course of the trip a pile of coffee and milo stained mugs and glasses had been mutating above the sink and eventually overflowing onto the kitchenette bench. As I steeled myself that morning, pulled on my rubber dish gloves and walked into the common room, I was delighted by what I saw.

During the Retreat we had been speaking about making a difference, doing what was required of us and being people of action. So, when I saw Kane standing at the sink and meticulously scrubbing each glass and mug as if it were in fact his own, I could not have been prouder. What was there for me to do but grab a tea towel and engage in a quiet conversation about life, Year 12 and the washing up.

Of all the thoughts I had about my new role as Deputy Principal- Catholic Identity at St Mary of the Angels, this was not one I had dreamed.

Starting something new isn't easy- it's exciting and it's rewarding and it's surprising and it's fun. You just ask the Year 7's!



Year 12 Retreat
Pictured Above (L-R):
Isabella Nielsen &
Will Newman

Important Term 1 Dates:

12 February

- * Year 8 Camp (12-14 Feb)

13 February

- * Shrove Tuesday

14 February

- * Year 8 Camp (14-16 Feb)
- * Ash Wednesday
- * VCAL Camp (14-16 Feb)
- * Year 10 Pathways Day
- * Homework Club (3:30 -5:30 PM)
- * Production Rehearsals (3:30 -5:30 PM)

15 February

- * Year 8 Camp
- * VCAL Camp
- * Debating

20 February

- * COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

21 February

- * Year 10 Information Night (7:00 -8:30 PM)

22 February

- * Lenten visitor (Period 1)

23 February

- * Senior Cricket

26 February

- * Interschool Swimming

27 February

- * Exhibition Tour and Workshop Year 8 Sculpture

28 February

- * Homework Club (3:30-5:30 PM)
- * Senior School / Year 9 Information Nights

06 March

- * Moira Shire Junior Council (All Day)

07 March

- * Homework Club (3:30 - 5:30 PM)

09 March

- * Nathalia Learning Community Conference
- * **STUDENT FREE DAY**

12 March

- * **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

14 March

- * Year 7 Camp (14-16 March)
- * Homework Club (3:30 -5:30 PM)

19 March

- * Year 10 Work Experience (Begins)

21 March

- * Learning Advisor Interviews (4:00 -8:00 PM)
- * College Board meeting AGM (6:00 -8:30 PM)

Social Justice News

Pope Francis has declared February 8th to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

We join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in our school community

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF PERSON

Article 3 Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Human Rights Abuse

Trafficking is a violation of the most basic rights to which all persons, irrespective of their ethnicity, sex, language, religion, occupation or any other difference, are entitled.

Victims of human trafficking experience abuses of all kinds. Women, children and men are forced to work in the sex industry, construction, hospitality, domestic service, factories and farms. Some countries have little or no support for people who are trafficked. Australia has been working on better support.



Photo image from www.stopthetraffic.org

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

UN definition

1. **the action of recruitment**, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of persons.
2. **by means of: the threat or use of force**, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.
3. **for the purpose of: exploitation**, which includes ... sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices, and the removal of organs.'



Some of the causes of Trafficking

- Unemployment and underemployment, poverty and lack of access to education all contribute to women and men seeking either overseas work, or employment in dangerous sectors in their home country.
- The scarcity of legitimate migration options for people leads them to seek other means of migration, so that they can provide for themselves and their families.
- The low-risk, high-profit nature of trafficking makes it attractive to criminals.

STATISTICS

- An estimated 27 million people are enslaved across the world.
- An estimated 800,000 people are internationally trafficked into slavery every year - 80% are women and 50% are children. The majority of these people are forced into the commercial sex trade.
- The average cost of a human slave today is \$90US - making them incredibly cheap and disposable.
- Human trafficking is the third largest source of income for organised crime, exceeded only by arms and drugs trafficking.
- Project Respect (an organization based in Melbourne supporting the victims of trafficking) estimates that there are 1000 - 1500 trafficked women in Australia.
- A UNICEF study reports that 200,000 children are trafficked yearly in West and Central Africa.



Websites

Trafficking

www.acrath.org.au
www.stophetraffik.org.au
www.projectrespect.org.au
www.unodc.org

Fair Trade

www.thetradingcircle.com.au
www.fta.org.au
www.fairwear.org.au

TAKE ACTION!

- EDUCATE yourself - learn more about the issue, by visiting one of the websites listed.
- EDUCATE others. Talk to five other people about this issue.
- SHOP FAIR TRADE - Purchase your gifts, clothes, tea & coffee, chocolate, sneakers, sports balls from fair trade outlets. For more information visit The Trading Circle @ 261 Victoria Street, Abbotsford. Open 10 am - 4pm Wed to Sat. To shop online go to www.thetradingcircle.com.au.
- BECOME INFORMED ABOUT LABOUR POLICIES of companies, make sure their products are not made with slave labour or exploitative practices.
- RAISE MONEY to support projects involving trafficked women. Visit websites listed.

Deputy Principal's News

Tim Campbell

Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing & Development

Welcome to 2018! A big warm welcome to our Year 7 students and their families who have chosen St. Mary of the Angels as their school for the next six years as well as a special welcome to the new students who have chosen St Mary of the Angels in other year levels. Welcome back to all our returning students and we hope that everyone has a successful and happy year.

St Mary of the Angels is known for its warmth and pastoral care, and by all reports our new students have settled in well. A big thank you to all staff for their efforts in setting up/running the induction days and retreats – the students seemed to really enjoy it. Keep up the awesome approach!

BUSES

Our students should now be organised with buses and seating plans should be finalised. A reminder to parents and students that seating plans are implemented in order to make it easier for our drivers and bus captains to know if a student is absent, misbehaving or if damage has been done. Students are also reminded that school rules are enforced on the buses and that drivers, bus captains and in particular other students are to be treated with respect at all times.

Poor behaviour on the buses can result in:

- A formal warning
- Being moved to a different seat or to the front of the bus
- If poor behaviour continues students may lose the right to travel on the St Mary's bus and parents will need to find alternative travel arrangements to school.

It is important to note that due to the College's increase in population, our buses are now at full capacity. Unfortunately, this means that there can be no changes to students wishing to catch a different bus. All students have been allocated one seat for bus travel and exceptions will only be made for emergency situations. If you require your child to travel on another bus (due to extreme circumstances), please contact Tom Robinson directly on 0417058818 or the College on 58662222. However, please understand a change will only be made if there is available space. We thank you for your support and understanding.

SPRAY DEODORANT

Just a reminder to students and parents that spray deodorants are not to be used at St Mary of the Angels due to a number of asthmatic and allergic students. There has already been one incident this year where a child has had a reaction to spray deodorants and has required medical treatment. Students are asked to use roll-on deodorant to maintain respect for others.



Above: Bridget Seiter with Kate Wilde.

Below: Group brainstorming at Student Leadership Day.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

On Friday our student leaders were involved in a Student Leadership Day. The guest speaker for the day was Kate Wilde from "The Workshop" who works specifically with Vic SRC and other youth forums, promoting student voice and participation. She discussed what it is to be a positive leader and how to work with all students in our school. The students were highly engaged and learnt new skills to help them in their leadership journey. The afternoon session was spent planning and organising their approach to events throughout the year. We look forward to what they will bring to the College in 2018.

For our new students and parents, some information to assist your transition:

If you are experiencing difficulties or have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to your homeroom teacher or Learning Advisor as they are your first contact. Parents/guardians are also welcome to contact their child's Learning Advisor to discuss learning matters regarding their child.



Student Leaders pictured with Kate Wilde (back left).

HOME FOR A DAY?

If you are home for a day, please contact the College Office on 58662222 to let us know. It's not okay to be away!

UNIFORM:

Whilst most students have started the year well wearing the correct uniform, we are disappointed to see a number of students not complying with our uniform policy. Shoes need to be traditional black, polishable leather shoes with no logo, with the laces done up. Socks are to be plain white for girls and either plain grey or white for boys (NO BLACK SOCKS). Dress length is to be modest (lower than mid thigh) – some may require the hem to be taken down. Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times. There is also to be no (excessive) make up, facial piercings, jewellery (other than a watch) or nail polish to be worn. Only one pair of earrings (studs or sleepers) can be worn. Failure to comply with this can lead to phone calls home, asking for items/make up to be removed and possibly detention.

Please ensure that your child is leaving for school in the correct uniform each day. If a student is unable to wear their uniform or part of their uniform for any reason, could parents please send a note with your child explaining why this is the case. Parents can refer to the school uniform policy in the handbook for more detailed information about uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

CYBERSAFETY FOR PARENTS

Our students have all received their Macs for this year and they have all been re-imaged ready for 2018 (a big thank you to our ICT staff – Damian Thomas, James Mustey and Josh Hayes). These are fantastic tools to aid your child's learning; however, they need to be treated with respect at all times. Failure to comply with the College's Macbook agreement may result in loss or suspension of computer privileges.

There has been an increase in cyber bullying across Australia and in particular our school community in recent times. Such behaviour has included verbal and sexual abuse, creating fake profiles, sharing of nude photos and other online offences. Parents need to communicate openly with their children and discuss issues and online etiquette regularly.

Students seen to be engaging in inappropriate online behaviour may face consequences issued by the school and the police may be contacted. For further information in regards to cyber safety please visit:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday 13th February, our SRC and Social Justice Leaders will be joining forces to sell pancakes as our first Caritas fundraiser for 2018. Pancakes will be available out the front of the Technology building at recess. Cost is \$2 per pancake including one topping. Better get in quick so you don't miss out!

Deputy Principal's News

Bev Thorp

Assistant to the Principal - Learning and Teaching

Welcome back! It is lovely to see our student body return to school happy, refreshed and reconnecting with friends and teachers. Students and staff have enjoyed a very busy, but smooth start to the 2018 school year. Both Years 11 and 12 have participated in Retreats to begin the year, with the Year 11 students successfully combining their Retreat experience with their Melbourne camp (formerly held later in the month). Both Year 7 and 8 will also participate in camps later this term with a focus on team building, challenging boundaries and encouraging a sound working relationship between all students and staff.

All of the junior levels have participated in induction programs during their first week of school that build respectful relationships between students and between students and staff, to support their progress throughout the year. The induction program also establishes organisational skills and sets the tone to make the most of the year of study ahead. Thank you to all staff who have been involved in the various programs running over the first week of school.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

All students have now settled into classes and lesson routines with a minority of students still finalising subject selections. This process must be completed before 23rd February so that students will not fall behind in their studies. Any students wishing to change a VCE, VET or VCAL program must see me to collect the appropriate Subject Change form. Students should discuss any potential subject changes with teachers, careers advisors and parents to ensure that they are making the best choices for their future study needs.

HOMEWORK CLUB / PRODUCTION

Thanks to the generosity of our teaching staff, Homework Club is being offered again in 2018. Running after school on most Wednesday afternoons (any variation to days will be shared via the College Newsletter), students must return the permission form to attend after school. Additionally, the late bus permission forms must be returned to the College Office by 3.00pm the Monday prior to Homework Club in order to take advantage of this service. Students are reminded that Homework Club is an opportunity to complete class tasks and study in a supportive environment and is not to be used as an opportunity for socialising.

Rehearsals for our College Production - 'The Drowsy Chaperone' - are also underway. Students and staff are very excited and keen to begin rehearsals over lunchtimes and after school on Wednesday. Again, students must return the relevant permission forms to stay after school and to utilise the late bus service.

Take advantage of the '**Homework Club**' each Wednesday afternoon from 3.45pm - 5.30pm.

Please note students must return a permission slip to attend. For those wishing to access the 'late bus' a bus note must be submitted by no later than Monday 3.00pm of that week.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

How wonderful to see so many of our Year 7 parents and guardians attend a highly successful Year 7 Welcome BBQ last Monday evening. Students were presented with their 'dove' badges with the year 2023 – the year of their graduation. All were then able to enjoy a lovely BBQ tea in the pleasant surrounds of the East quadrangle and the opportunity to meet Learning Advisors and put faces to some of the names that they have heard over the first week of school. Congratulations to our Year 7 students for the very mature and settled manner in which they have begun their secondary schooling. We look forward to working with students and their families through the next six years of their secondary schooling.

Information Evenings for most of the other year levels will also be held and we encourage parents and carers to attend where they are able to meet homeroom teachers and Learning Advisors. The evenings will also provide pertinent information on the program for the year. If unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Advisors to touch base and enable us to work with you to support your children through their new year of study.

Year 9 Information Evening:

Wednesday 28th February

Year 10 Information Evening:

Wednesday 21st February

Senior School Information Evening:

Wednesday 28th February.



30th January, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: **Homework Club 2018**

After a very successful attendance record in 2017, Homework Club will resume in 2018 as of Week 3, Wednesday 7th February. Homework Club will take place every Wednesday afternoon (unless otherwise advised in the College newsletter) with support for students, whether this be in regards to catching up on school work, extending student understanding, knowledge, and skill level, or simply using the lovely senior school facilities to undertake homework, in a supervised environment.

Note that students will be required to stay on the school premises at all times. An afternoon snack will be provided for students but they may also wish to bring something extra to eat for the day.

Homework Club is generally a pleasant, relaxed environment where students can work and gain assistance however, we do stress that it is a working / learning environment and not a social outing. Homework Club is not the forum to socialize and simply catch up with friends.

Students will be required to submit the permission slip below in order to attend. This will give students permission to be on the school premises after hours. Homework club will begin at 3.45 pm and conclude at 5.30 pm. Students will be required to sign in and out of Homework Club on a weekly basis.

Students are reminded that they do not have permission to drive themselves to and from Homework Club. Students must use the provided bus to get home or make arrangements for Parents / Guardians to pick them up.

There will be a late bus running from the College if students wish to get a lift to Numurkah, Katunga, Strathmerton or Cobram. Parents will need to sign a weekly permission form to enable their child to travel on the bus home. The permission slip is available from Student Reception and must be returned to the office by no later than 3.00 pm Monday for travel on that week's bus. The bus departure time in Term 1 will be 5.45 pm.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me at the College.

Regards,

Jane Hando
Teacher

Matt Carver
Principal

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I give permission for my son/daughter _____ to attend homework club held at the College on Wednesday afternoon (unless otherwise advised in the College newsletter) throughout the 2018 school year.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____ 2018

WELLBEING 'TABLE TOPIC'

Sandy, Rowan & Carmel (Mrs Mithen)

SMOTA Wellbeing Team

The Wellbeing Team welcomes all families to the St Mary of the Angels community which we hope will be the beginning of a positive and productive year.

We believe it is important to at least once or twice a week, have family discussion. This, of course, can be different for all families depending on sporting, work and life commitments in general. Most families do attempt to sit together around the dining table at least once a week. With this in mind we have chosen Wellbeing Table Topic as our theme for this year.

Our first topic this year is around developing your **Meaning** and **Purpose** element of wellbeing.

One aspect of Meaning and Purpose could be that we think about setting goals for this first term. It is important that your goals are **"ISMART"**

ie. Inspirational, Specific, Achievable, Realistic, & Time-bound

Perhaps the discussion could focus on just what these five words really mean and how they can apply to your goals.

Remember our goals should be about improving your ability to learn what we don't know rather than working only to our perceived ability.

Your focus should be on the process you follow improving your ability.

One of the greatest growth mindsets you can have is believing the **POWER OF YET:**

- You may not have become the person you wish to become YET, but...
- knowing that you can become your best possible you by learning new things and using your strengths to grow your brain's abilities, will power your efforts.

Perhaps as a family you could discuss an achievement you are proud of and what strengths you used to be the best possible you!

Stay tuned for next week's topic...."SPARK"



Accessing the Newsletter 'The Angel'

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that you enjoy the first 2018 edition of 'The Angel' the College's weekly newsletter.

'The Angel' will be sent via email each Friday as part of a sustainable practice in the College. The Angel can also be accessed through our Parent Access Module (PAM) or from the College's website <http://www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au/college-news/newsletter.html>

A hard copy of the College Newsletter will only be provided if this slip is returned to the College Office. It will be every students' responsibility to collect 'The Angel' from the office at the end of the week if required.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

ST MARY'S FOUNDATION STUDENTS' REUNION

A group of students who commenced school at St Mary's when it originated in 1961 is organising its second **Annual Reunion on Saturday, 17 March at the Bridge Hotel starting at 2pm.**

The reunion is open to the following St Mary's students:

- 1961: Bubs/Prep to Form 6
- 1962: Grade 1 to Form 6
- 1963: Grade 2 to Form 6
- 1964: Grade 3 to Form 6
- 1965: Grade 4 to Form 6
- 1966: Grade 5 to Form 6
- 1967: Grade 6 to Form 6
- 1968: Form 1 to Form 6
- 1969: Form 2 to Form 6
- 1970: Form 3 to Form 6
- 1971: Form 4 to Form 6
- 1972: Form 5 to Form 6
- 1973: Form 6

A Facebook group has been established. If former students were in one or more of the above grades and want to be part of the Facebook group, please go to the this link (or search for 'SMOTA' on Facebook). <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMOTA/>

If former students don't want to be involved in Facebook, they can send your email address to mjbourke@dcsi.net.au to be added to an email group to stay informed.

Former students can also call 0409 512 672, talk to Bunty Gundry or Di Darlow for more information.



ST MARY'S FOUNDATION STUDENTS AT THEIR 2017 REUNION.

Back(L-R): Peter McCann, Pauline Ryan, Sue Frew (nee Kane), Maria Bottaro, Mick Bell, Mick Bourke

Middle (L-R): Kerry Firth (nee Cosgriff), Pat Murnane, Kristine Carstensen, Donna Bourke, Bunty Gundry, Therese MacDermid (nee Murray), Clare Liew (nee O'Shannessy), Frank Murray, Kath Rowell (nee Carstensen), Bernadette Shiels, Di Darlow (nee Price)

Front (L-R): Vic Bottaro, Joe Shiels, John Dinsdale



This week two of our 2015 Graduates (pictured above) feature on our Alumni News page:

Reni Hicks and Carlton's newest AFLW recruit has put her new found fame to good use, with funds being raised from the sale of newly released 'Reni Merchandise' to be donated to 'Beyond Blue' and the Nathalia Football Netball Club. If you would like to show your support for this little pocket-rocket, stocks are now available at What's New Shepparton at a cost of \$6.99 for either a badge or a magnet.

On Wednesday we caught up with Noah Scott who is currently entering his second year at Deakin University in Geelong studying Law Commerce. Noah is a wizard with videography and he was at the College to film a fun virtual tour of our facilities.

*Parents & Guardians
are invited to join us on*

*Tuesday 20th February 2018
for the College's Annual House*

Swimming Sports

Where: Nathalia Memorial Swimming Pool,
Park Street, Nathalia

Attendance: Parents & guardians are invited to
attend our College House Swimming Sports.

All students are required to attend to cheer on their house

Time: Students go to homeroom get marked
off the roll and then walk to the pool in their homeroom
groups. They attend the swimming carnival and then walk
back to school in time for homeroom. First race starts at
9.30 am

Transport: Students will walk to the pool via the levee
bank supervised by College staff.

Parking for parents is available on the side of Park Street.

Dress Code: Students are to dress in house
colours:

**ST FRANCIS – YELLOW, ST ELIZABETH – RED,
ST CLARE BLUE.** Students MUST wear a hat while
not swimming and remember to “slip slop slap” and
continually use sunscreen throughout the day. Parents
are also invited to wear house colours on the day

Food: Students can bring their own lunch if they
wish. The Pool staff will be running a BBQ on the day and
their canteen will be open to purchase items.

Food and drinks will be available for parents at the
hospitality tent.

Medical: A reminder to students with medical
conditions e.g. asthma or anaphylaxis, please bring the
necessary required medication with you.



Year 9 Rafting

Joshua Woods, Year 9

Year Nine students kicked off the year with a splash
on Friday 2nd February once again participating in
the annual rafting day.

The day started out with all Year Nine students
walking down to the creek and carrying two barrels
in their teams.

We were given planning time on the days leading
up to this event. We were asked to split into groups
of 6 to 8 to design our rafts, organise food for our
team and come up with our team name.

When we got to the creek we were given time to
go down the street to purchase any supplies that
were needed for the raft or for lunch. With all our
supplies purchased it was time to see some very
creative minds set to work assembling the rafts.

There were many different types of materials used
to assemble all the rafts such as: floaties, kayaks,
wood, rope and many more.

With all the rafts creatively assembled, it was time
to start the practice runs. The objective was to get
to the other side of the creek faster than all the
other teams. My group, 'Straya', was up first. To be
honest our first run didn't go so well but we made
some improvements for our next run.

At the end of the day the Team 'Miss Cunningham'
came 1st, our team 'Straya' came 2nd and the
Superhero Squad came 3rd.

A big thank-you to all the teachers who allowed
us to participate in this activity and, of course, well
done to all the students who participated and made
the day a great one.



Fast 8s Team



Team Achtung



Tradies 'n' Tutus



Miss Cunningham - the fastest team.

YEAR 9 TEAM RAFTING RACE AWARDS:

1st – Miss Cunningham - Madisyn Rosemeier, Aaron Petric, Aaron Harding, Danielle Dines, Zoe Germon.

2nd – Straya - Darcy Wilson, Jed Warrin, Joshua Woods, Jackson Collins, Ella Brereton, Jack Bergamin.

3rd – The Superhero Squad - Paige Easden, Benjamin Metcalfe, Joshua O'Toole, Issac Fooks, Charlie Hooker, Kloe O'Keefe, Charlette Nielsen.

BEST CONSTRUCTION - Marshmallow - Lilly Osborne, Jayk Lowndes, Joshua Symonds, Harry Altoft, Emily Reilly, Nathasha Sutton.

BEST DRESSED - Tradies n Tutus - Andre Fazio-Castle, Adelle Miles, Molly McMahon, Piper Doyle, Brianna Armitage, Bree Kent, James Kam, Rhys Cason.

Year 12 Retreat

HARRIETVILLE - JANUARY 29TH TO 31ST

Bridget Seiter and Isabella Nielsen, Year 12

As the 2018 Year 12 students embark on their most challenging and highly anticipated year yet, the Harrietville Retreat is essential to building a strong cohort and illuminating students' potential. The mantra "team work makes the dream work" formed the focus for this year's Retreat. Success comes from the support we require and hope to return from family, friends and teachers to achieve our goals in 2018.

Our sessions reflected these words. Each presentation lead us to understand how we cannot only illuminate ourselves but also those around us. As up and coming leaders of the St Mary of the Angels' community, the importance of servant leadership becomes paramount as role models and we leave Retreat with these values at the forefront of our minds. In other sessions we discussed and pondered the responsibility each of us holds to share our own unique gifts and talents. Furthermore, we were reminded that reflecting on our own stories prompts a certain growth in maturity and is an opportunity for thoughtful self-reflection, a time in which we were able to consider not only the hardships we have overcome but also the blessings that we have been given. Our final session included writing and receiving compliments for and from our peers. These short notes, affirmed our peers and shone a light on the attributes which they bring with them to the Senior School Team in 2018. In solitude, we opened a specially written letter from our parents, which initiated many emotions of gratitude and a few tears as it brought home to many how lucky we are to have the love and support of our parents and families on this exciting journey.

The icebreakers and free time in between sessions gave us time to reconnect with our friends, rekindling and strengthening relationships with others outside our immediate friendship groups.

It was a spirit filled three days that allowed us to hone our goals and learn to appreciate the final year that we will share together before embarking on our own journeys as young adults.

Finally, a big thank you to all the teachers, especially our new senior team leader, Miss Brooks, for all the effort that went into creating a memorable few days together as the graduating class of 2018!



'...Once we had settled into our rooms a session by Mr. Dainton called 'Illuminating Me', which is letting light into your life. We played games to get ourselves out of our comfort zone and interacting with others...'
Taylah Bignell



'...We decorated our affirmation envelopes and stuck them on the windows for people to right positive things about others...'
Taylah Bignell

Students News - Year 12 Retreat



'...On the final day we had our last session with Mrs Mithen. Most of us were looking forward to this part of Retreat as we were able to open the letters our parents wrote for us. We then opened our affirmations and wrote ourselves a letter about what we'd like to achieve in 2018 to read at the end of the year...'
Taylah Bignell Class of 2018





YEAR 11 - RETREAT



Year 11 Retreat

Kasey Brinsdon, Year 11

The 2018 year began with an urban Retreat for all Year 11 students and their teachers. While on Retreat we went to different organisations to talk about 'who they are' and 'what they do'.

My personal favourite experience was the Jewish Holocaust Museum where we met Garry, a Jewish survivor from World War II. It made me realise how lucky we all are and to not take my family for granted. One of the things that Gary told us was that when he went off to the camps, every time he shut his eyes, all he could see was his mother's, father's and sister's naked bodies sitting on the bare floor, arms around one another waiting to be gassed and murdered.

On the Tuesday, we split into our VCE and VCAL groups. The VCE students went on a tour at RMIT while the VCAL students visited the William Angliss Institute. Every night we went to a Catholic Hall where speakers talked about our future, how to let our light shine and what we could gain from our Retreat and this school year. We also had a little relaxation time around the Melbourne CBD area with our friendship groups.

Overall, the Year 11 Camp retreat was a great experience and a great way to begin the school year.

Public Notices

CASUAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Cobram Lotto News Express have a casual position available. Applicants must be in Year 11 and be available to work on a Saturday morning 8.15 – 1.15pm.

Please submit your resume at
Cobram Lotto News Express.

For further information contact Dean on 58722787.

Applications close on 12th February

HOST FAMILY NEEDED FOR SMOTA STUDENT

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 17 year old Finnish girl who is currently attending St Mary of the Angels Secondary College. Tytti is a social girl interested in sport, cooking and catching up with friends. She would love to experience new activities and simply be part of a family's daily life. We are looking for a family to host until May 2018.

If you can help, please phone Isabelle at the Student Exchange Office: 1300 135 331.



BERRY STREET
We're for Childhood
SINCE 1877

Childhood can be a difficult time for children who have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect or grief. They need safe and loving homes to overcome to heal and look forward to the future. Please consider inquiring about foster care. A little of your time could change an entire life.

Berry Street is hosting an Information Night for people considering foster care on **Thursday, 15 February at 6pm**. This will be held at the Berry Street Office, 110 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. All Welcome.

For more information please contact Janene
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: hume.fostercare@berrystreet.org.au

419 Squadron - Shepparton

Open Day
Saturday 17 February 2018
0900hrs (9am) - 1500hrs (3pm)
110 Soabron Street, Shepparton (Somme Barracks)

Recruiting ages from 13 - 17 years
from surrounding areas:
Seymour, Nagambie, Kyabram, Rochester,
Echuca, Deniliquin, Cobram, Finley, Yarrawonga
Benalla, and Euroa

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For more information, contact:
WOFF (AAFC) Ray Bolton OAM ph: 0407 247 916 email: co.419sqn@aafc.org.au
www.aafc.org.au

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Photographic Competition
and Exhibition
\$400 IN PRIZES

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 18 OR UNDER *
* SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
www.thecentre.vic.edu.au

This Competition is open to young people aged 18 or under who reside in the LGAs of Alpine, Benalla, Indigo, Moira, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta & Wodonga. The best 70 entries received will be exhibited in April and May 2018 in The Centre's Concourse.

There are \$400 in prizes on offer; four category prizes of \$50 each for 10 and under, 11- 13yo, 14- 15yo and 16-18yo. The entry judged best overall will be awarded the \$100 first prize and there will also be a People's Choice Award worth \$100.

Entrants must be 18yo or under at the closing date which is 23 March 2018, so if you wish to enter or know someone who should, tell them to head along to The Centre's website and click on the following link www.thecentre.vic.edu.au/photo-comp

All enquiries regarding the Competition can be directed to Scott Landells at The Centre on 03 5721 0200 or via email photocomp@thecentre.vic.edu.au.

Dairy Industry BBQ lunch

FREE BBQ LUNCH

PRIZES

CHAT WITH THE
AGBIZ WORKER



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MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018

NUMURKAH DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICE
COMMUNITY ROOM

2 KATAMATITE ROAD NUMURKAH
LUNCH FROM 12:30PM - 2:30PM

THIS IS A SOCIAL LUNCH FOR DAIRY FARMERS IN THE MOIRA SHIRE
PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING (03) 5862 0560 FOR CATERING
RSVP TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY



Registration & Information Night

Senior & Junior

Friday 9th February from 5pm at Nathalia

Recreation Reserve

Junior Age Groups—Netball

As at 31/12/2018

11 & Under - 9 year minimum age

13 & Under - 11 year minimum age

15 & Under - 12 year minimum age

17 & Under - 14 year minimum age

Could all netballers please register with VNA prior to Friday by logging onto
the Murray Football Netball League website "Online Registrations"

Football

14 & Under

17 & Under

COME AND JOIN US FOR A BBQ DINNER
AND MEET THE COACHES

For further details call:

Alysha Cornell: 0400 055 996

Simon Quarrell: 0437 663 039



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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2018 Melbourne weekend dates :

16-18 March, 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018

Starts Friday 7pm - Sunday 5pm Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2018) or term two (16 April 2018).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2018 closes on 29 June, 2018.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.