

# The Angel

Thursday 22nd February 2018, Volume 3



## Prayer for compassion:

God of all peoples and nations,

you accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy.

May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people.

In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.

Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

ST ELIZABETH BREAK THE LONG DROUGHT  
IN THE POOL!

Pictured: St Elizabeth House Captains with their team.

## Principal's News

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

This year in the pool St. Elizabeth was too good! The weather was perfect, the competition was hot and I am very pleased to announce that St Elizabeth, the Red Team, my team proved too good. Our annual swimming carnival on Tuesday was the most brilliant day. Thank you to Mr. Brodie Ross and the PE staff for the organisation of the day. Thank you to our staff who were only too willing to fill the many tasks needed on the day. Thank you to our House Captains and students as a whole for your enthusiasm, participation and acceptance of our culture at St Mary of the Angels to get in and have a go! Finally, I would also like to thank our many parents and friends who joined us on the day. Our carnivals are very much a community event involving students, staff and families. I am already looking forward to the annual cross-country event / Caritas K's fun run on the last day of term.

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## Principal's News



I would also like to congratulate Tali Verhoeven (pictured left) for winning the Michael McLean perpetual trophy. This trophy is in honour of Michael, a student who passed away tragically in 1986 while attending the College. Michael epitomised the spirit of getting in and having a go, being prepared and doing your best; he was also a keen swimmer who was awarded the 1986 Open Swimming Championship.

Each year at the swimming carnival we acknowledge a student who has participated in the spirit of Michael McLean. Congratulations Tali, on a long standing prestigious award and one to be proud of receiving.

Congratulations Andy Hartnett. On Tuesday, after the swimming carnival, we were privileged to share afternoon tea with one of our much loved staff members. The staff acknowledged 20 years of service to the College by Andy Hartnett. It was a privilege to welcome Andy's mum, Larissa, welcome back Ruth and welcome Wendy Shanks from Shepparton Access into our community. Sue McCallum, Special Needs Leader in 1998 spoke fondly of the early days when Andy joined the staff, sharing the many good times but also the challenges of integrating Andy from a student to a staff member. The common theme through all of the speeches and stories was the incredible work and commitment that Bob Coonerty has put into the task of ensuring Andy is safe, connected and a valuable part of the fabric of St Mary of the Angels. Thank you Bob for providing this service that not all of us would be capable of providing.

# 20 Years



Pictured Above L-R: Bob Coonerty, Wendy Shanks, Matt Carver, Andy Hartnett, Larissa Hartnett and Ruth Hartnett-Carr.

Pictured Right: Bob Coonerty with Andy after some very candid speeches at Andy's 20 years of service afternoon celebrations.



THY WILL BE DONE  
  
ST MARY OF THE ANGELS  
**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS  
COLLEGE BOARD  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
will take place on  
**Wednesday 21st March 2018**  
at 8.00pm

### SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, March 21 is the Annual General Meeting of the College Board. If you have an interest in strategic, visionary work and would like a deeper understanding of the College please consider joining this dynamic group of people. Nomination forms will be available in 'The Angel' this week on page 3. Please contact Mr. David Booth on 0490 903 263 or myself at the College if you have any interest or questions about joining our College Board.

With Peace and Goodwill,  
**Matt Carver**

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**St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Board  
NOMINATION FORM - 2018 AGM**

(Nominations close 4.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
at the College Office, to the returning officer, Andrea Dobson)

I ..... wish to nominate  
.....(name of nominee).  
as parent representative for.....  
(eg Numurkah Representative, Cobram Representative, Nathalia Representative, Other).

**Nominator Signature:** .....

**Parish Priest (Seconder) Signature:** .....

I .....accept the above nomination for the St. Mary of the Angels  
Secondary College Board.

**Nominee Signature:** .....

**Date:** / /2018



Christian Adults Initiated - Sunday 18th February



Pictured inside the Bendigo Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Bishop of Sandhurst, Bishop Leslie Tomlinson (L-R) Matt Carver, Sandy Carver and Bev Thorp.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a formal program of instruction and prayer whereby adults are formally admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. During the course of the RCIA program, the individual follows a spiritual journey of steps accomplished through defined periods punctuated with formal rites. Not only does RCIA prepare individuals for entrance into the Church, it is a spiritually moving process that also allows the members of the Church community to renew their faith.

Two of our St Mary of the Angels staff members have been participating in the RCIA program in their respective parishes and last Sunday took part in the Rite of Election, which coincides with the first Sunday of Lent. Bev Thorp, Assistant to the Principal, and Sandy Carver, Wellbeing Officer, presented as candidates to the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo with Bishop Leslie Tomlinson and other catechumens and candidates of the Sandhurst

diocese, together with their sponsors, parish members and family. At this rite, the Church made its 'election' of these candidates to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence of the Bishop, Bev, Sandy and the other candidates and catechumens of the diocese inscribed their names in their respective parish Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity. Now called the 'elect' each individual will begin their final, more intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation which concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

The RCIA is a spiritually moving process beneficial to the whole Church community. Our St Mary of the Angels community celebrates with Bev and Sandy as they take this step in their personal faith formation, their commitment to following Christ, and the strengthening of their bonds with the life and unity of the Church. As we draw closer to the celebration of Easter, let us pray in particular for Bev and Sandy, and the other elect, who will be entering our holy Catholic Church this Easter.



## Social Justice News

*“Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation”.* Pope Francis



### Project Compassion story Week 1:

#### *A Just Future starts with Empowerment*

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhet, as part of the Children and Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP) which provides youth with job skills and income-generating projects. She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine.

Nine years on, Janaki has eleven sewing machines and is running her own business, teaching others and is considered a community role model.

“My confidence level has raised,” Janaki says. “I appreciate all those respected peoples of Australia who are supporting this wise cause. Through their help, women who experience domestic violence and who are financially vulnerable are getting new hope in their life. I thank them from bottom of my heart.”

## Deputy Principal's News

Chris Dainton

### Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity

It has been one week since I wrote to you all and that means we are seven days into Lent. If you are like me you may have been tested and tempted already by your Lenten fasting promises, but hopefully you have all held strong.

In this week's article, I want to share a set of dot points that was sent to me about the meaning, purpose and potential of Lent for all of us in our Christian community. Hopefully you will connect with some of the ideas and feel that they are supporting your Lenten journey. I was particularly encouraged by the opportunity to undertake a spiritual, emotional, mental and physical detox- something we rarely give ourselves time to commit to in our lives.

### What is Lent?

- **Lent is** a 40 day season dedicated to repentance, fasting, and prayer. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted, so it is technically 46 days long).
- **Lent is** the season of interior descent, examination, and reflection.
- **Lent is** forty days because Jesus was tested for forty days in the wilderness. It takes intentional time and focus to deconstruct our denial, pretense, and posturing.
- **Lent is** the season we die to our hopes, our dreams, and our agenda's, to empty ourselves out that we might be filled with new life, see with new eyes, live with a whole heart, filled with God's strength to live an abundant life.
- **Lent is** the season you come clean.
- **Lent:** It's time to get real with God, to Fast, Pray, Weep, Morn to let go and let God be God in our lives.
- **Lent is** the season where we might be laid bare to God's grace, mercy, and light. We are naked before God.
- **Lent is** the church season dedicated to falling apart.
- **Lent is** dying before we die, so that we might live.
- **Lent is** when we lay things down, to recover those things which should never have been forgotten.
- **Lent is** when we die to the spirit of this world, so we can plug into the Spirit of God.
- **Lent is** the season for cleaning out the springs of our heart.
- **Lent is** the season for spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical detox.
- **Lent is** the season to Reboot.
- **Lent is** a trust fall into the arms of God.
- **Lent is** the divine interrupt you've been waiting for your whole life.
- **Lent is** deconstructing into wholeness.

**Source- Jenni Greblo (CEO Library)**

# Deputy Principal's News

Tim Campbell

## Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing & Development

At SMOTA we pride ourselves on having strong connections and relationships with our students and parents. We have an extensive student wellbeing and support team who are more than willing to assist and support our students so that they may feel mentally and spiritually healthy.

Hopefully by now all parents have been contacted by their child's Learning Advisor. This is the first point of contact in the school for parents to discuss issues that their child might have, both academically and socially. In addition to this, our Year Level Team Leaders are available to discuss issues of a more serious nature and are more than happy to help.

We are also very fortunate to have Sandy Carver, Carmel Mithen and Rowan Priest who are available to help students that may be struggling with personal issues or who may be finding things difficult. They are available for drop-in sessions or for students that require ongoing support. Parents are able to refer their child if necessary, however consent forms are required for this service.

Our aim is to ensure that all our students are healthy and happy so that they can focus on achieving their best results.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

In Years 7-10, students miss on average almost **a week every term** - that's **four weeks** of school per year.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au)



## INTRODUCING ROWAN PRIEST

**NAME:** Rowan Priest

**POSITION:** Wellbeing Officer

Hi my name is Rowan Priest, and I am the newest member of the Wellbeing Team at St Mary of the Angels.



I come into this role as Wellbeing Officer, enthused and excited with the opportunity to work with the students and staff within the school.

My passion has been working with youth, which makes this job not only rewarding but a challenge that I am very much looking forward to. I am currently in my 4th year of University, studying a Masters Degree in Social Work, which limits my days here at SMOTA to Mondays and Wednesdays.

Outside of work, I am a father of three young boys ranging from three and a half years old to nine months old, which keeps me very busy. In my spare time, when I get some, I also play footy and enjoy watching the odd movie. I'm a big fan of the West Coast Eagles, so feel free to visit the wellbeing office to talk about how good they are and how we are going to win this year's premiership.

On a serious note, If you are going through a tough time at school or at home and feel like you may need some extra support or just someone new to talk to, myself and the other members of the Wellbeing Team will be more than happy to see you, and we will do our best to try help out in any way we can.

## BUSES

Recently there have been some student issues on our bus system. A reminder that food is NOT to be eaten on our buses. This is not only due to rubbish but also due to anaphylactic students that are travelling by bus. Students need to make sure that no food is to be eaten whilst travelling on the bus.

In addition to this, there have been a number of students choosing not to wear their seatbelts. This is mandatory by law and failure to do so will lead to your child receiving a formal warning and being sent to the front of the bus.

Finally, our students are asked to be respectful towards our drivers, bus captains and other students. Swearing and poor behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated on our bus system. We ask that parents communicate this clearly to their child and ensure that they are abiding by our expectations.

## SAFE

I will be a person that others can trust.

## PURPOSEFUL

I will be relentless in striving to achieve my goals.

## ACCEPTING

I will focus on what is good about others.

## RESILIENT

I will think positively and keep trying when times are tough.

## KIND

I will do the right thing even when nobody is looking.

## SPARK

*Alison Dietrich,  
Positive Behaviours Leader*

Throughout much of 2017, a committed team from SMOTA worked through School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) training. This group, supported by Jamie Edwards from the CEO Wellbeing team, is working towards developing a school-wide implementation of a proactive behaviour management framework at SMOTA.

SWPBS focuses on enhancing the overall school climate and increasing positive social behaviour. This approach helps to establish a positive climate and create safe and predictable environments for ALL students to succeed socially, emotionally and academically.

Clear expectations are established and explicitly taught for all students in all settings. Through being proactive in the prevention of problematic behaviours, more time can be spent on fostering positive learning environments to facilitate improved academic and social performance.

Feedback from the students, parents and staff within the SMOTA community during 2017, indicated that the most important values within our community are being: Safe; Purposeful; Accepting; Resilient; and Kind (SPARK).

Staff and students are currently working towards developing matrices that outline the expected behaviours in connection with each of our SPARK values. We look forward to sharing these matrices with you when they are finalised.

Please check out our SPARK video via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7TUt6LbhkE>



Pictured above: A few of Panda's new Year 10 best buds. - Lewis McShane, Abbey Bell, Max Hendy, Daisy Lester, Lewis Kennedy

## PANDA TALES

*Miss Sparrow, Year 10 Team*

At the end of 2017, some of you may have seen the Simon posts, you may have been asked in homeroom to look for Positivity Panda.

I had hopes, dreams and aspirations that at Graduation, Panda would be able to finish the year with 12G the class that he had followed since they met in 2015.

But alas this was not to be. Panda was not missing, or misplaced. He had been kidnapped. Well, Pandanapped.

Of this Pandanapping I did not know, nor did I know of the fate that Panda met. Other teachers knew that things were not so positive in the world of positivity Panda (cough Mr.Dimble), but the secret was kept.

Until some photos came my way. Photos of a Panda's head being worn as a hat by some Year 12's, photos of other non-positive acts that caused harm to Positive Panda.

Alarmed I told Mr.Dimble and Miss Brooks "I think harm has befallen my Panda" (only a bit more agitated), it turned out they knew, they had known for a long time that Positivity Panda had been kidnapped.

But just as my faith in humanity (by humanity, I mean SMOTA and by SMOTA I mean the class of 2017) was dwindling, it was renewed. I was called to Sandy's desk, some Year 11 girls needed to see me. For what I wondered? In a very sweet and kind gesture, Jessie Champion and Ayla Armstrong had arranged a new Panda for me.

So, we now have a new Panda. As for the name, Positivity Panda 2 or Princess Consuela Banana Hammock (Katie Fitzgerald) have been proffered. Fittingly, Panda has a new home with 10W. New Panda, new homeroom, new positivity.

**Bev Thorp**

**Assistant to the Principal - Learning and Teaching**

## INFORMATION NIGHTS

A reminder that the College is providing Information Evenings for the various year levels and we encourage parents and carers to attend to meet homeroom teachers and learning advisors. The evenings will also provide pertinent information on the program for the year. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's learning advisors to introduce yourselves and begin to build important relationships that enable us to work with you to support your children through their year of study.

### Year 9 Information Evening:

Wednesday 28th February, 6.30pm.

### Year 10 Information Evening:

Wednesday 21st February, 7.00pm.

### Senior School Information Evening:

Wednesday 28th February, 7.30pm.

## LEARNING ADVISOR INTERVIEWS

Students have now settled into the school routine, and many classes are already completing assessments in line with the rigour and growth expected of each of our students. Parents and carers are able to follow their child's progress by logging into PAM (Parent Access Module: <http://pam.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au>) where they are able to access teacher feedback on assessments as they occur. Please do not hesitate to contact your Learning Advisor or the College Office if you have any difficulty logging on to PAM.

Formal Learning Advisor Interviews will be held toward the end of term as detailed below. Interview times are now able to be booked via PAM, and we urge all parents and carers to please make an appointment to meet with your child/children's Learning Advisors. The school, home and student working together is a most valuable relationship to best support your child's progress through secondary school. If you are not able to attend the formal interview periods, please do not hesitate to contact your Learning Advisor to make an alternate interview time.

### PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEW DATES:

**Wednesday 21st March, 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm**  
St Mary of the Angels College, Nathalia

**Thursday 22nd March, 9.00 am - 3.30 pm**  
St Mary of the Angels College, Nathalia

**Wednesday 28th March, 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm**  
Barooga Sports' Club - Garden Room



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The beginning of Lent has seen my increased involvement in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program which has included a Rite of Welcome in my local St Mary's Catholic Church and the Rite of the Elect held at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo last weekend. I have been especially honoured to enjoy the real embrace of the Church community as they support my progress to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. I am particularly grateful for the encouragement and assistance of my sponsor, Joy West, and Parish Secretary, Theresa Williams (both past St Mary of the Angels staff), and the spiritual guidance and support of our Parish Priest and Canonical Administrator, Fr Michael Grace. I look forward to the ongoing challenge and privilege to more fully embrace my commitment to following Christ and the Church. The St Mary of the Angels community engenders a strong and vibrant faith-filled environment in which I have always been enlivened, and which I hope and trust will continue to provide faith opportunity for all members of our College community.

**CAREERS DAY OUT**  
2018

**What's It like to work in your dream job?  
Uncover career ideas and options**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 | 4:30 - 7:30PM**

**MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION  
SHEPPARTON SHOWGROUNDS**

**FREE EVENT**

[www.careersdayout.com.au](http://www.careersdayout.com.au)

Careers Day Out acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.



## SWIMMING SPORTS

### **Brodie Ross, Sports Leader**

Well what a fantastic day it was at the annual swimming carnival. Fantastic facilities and weather brought out fierce competition amongst our three houses. It was fantastic to see all competitors throughout the day give it their all for the chance to gain bragging rights over the other houses early in the year. There were some tremendous efforts in the pool whether it was breaking records or accumulating important points for their house. Well done to Zander Griffin who broke a long standing 15's 100m freestyle record with a time of 1:02:87 and Hayley Thorne who broke the 17's 50m breaststroke record with a time of 49:60, fantastic effort.

It was very pleasing to see the results at the end of the day being so close as everyone gave it their all, but I know a lot of staff at SMOTA and past and present students were happy to see St. Elizabeth breaking the drought with a hard fought win.

This day doesn't happen without a lot of help so again thank you to the pool and the lifeguards, Janet and her hospitality team, Hayley Summerville in the first aid tent, Kallum Green and James Mustey for providing the music, all staff for your hard work, parents for supporting our events, house captains for making the day run smoothly and of course all the students. It was a fantastic effort by all who made it a fabulous day.

Good luck to the swimmers who have qualified to represent the College at the Campaspe Swimming Carnival to be held this Monday, 26th February.



**St Elizabeth House Captains finally get their hands on the Overall House Swimming Champions Trophy: Pictured L-R Andriana Oliver, Amy Rohan, Lachlan Hyde and Noah Lane**



**St Elizabeth House Captains showed their determination narrowly winning first place in the first race of the day the House Captains and Staff race.**



## 2018 College Swimming Champions

**Pictured above Back (L-R):** Sophie Bury, Maddison Bloor, Jack Hindson, Zander Griffin, Will Newman, Declan Brunskill, Max Hendy, Maria Gilroy.

**Front (L-R):** Hayley Thorne, Gracie O'Sullivan, Rex Miller, Keeley O'Dwyer, Caleb Jezewski

### AGE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS:

13 Boys	Caleb Jezewski (St Elizabeth)
13 Girls	Keeley O'Dwyer (St Elizabeth)
14 Boys	Jack Hindson (St Elizabeth) & Rex Miller (St Elizabeth)
14 Girls	Maddison Bloor (St Elizabeth)
15 Boys	Zander Griffin (St Francis)
15 Girls	Sophi Bury (St Elizabeth)
16 Boys	Max Hendy (St Clare)
16 Girls	Gracie O'Sullivan (St Francis)
17 Boys	Declan Brunskill (St Clare)
17 Girls	Hayley Thorne (St Francis)
Open Boys	Will Newman (St Clare)
Open Girls	Maria Gilroy (St Francis)

### RECORDS:

Hayley Thorne (49.60 sec)	17 Girls Breaststroke
Zander Griffin (1.02.87 sec)	15 Boys 100m Freestyle

### HOUSE RESULT

Overall Winner	St Elizabeth (726)
Second	St Clare (683)
Third	St Francis (682)



### OVERALL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS:

Junior Boy Champion	Zander Griffin
Junior Girl Champion	Maddison Bloor
Senior Boy Champion	Max Hendy
Senior Girl Champion	Maria Gilroy

Michael McLean Award

Tali Verhoeven

# Swimming Sports Photo Gallery



# Swimming Sports Gallery



# Performing Arts News

## Performing Arts News

Shannon Orlandi, Production Director

*'With the houselights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and puts on his favourite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical, 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. The recording comes to life in his living room, bringing to life the wonderful and eccentric characters of the 1920s. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a harried producer, a not-so-bright hostess, jovial gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a flaky chorine, a Latin lothario, an aviatrix, and a drowsy chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of madcap delight!'*

Production rehearsals are well underway for this year's production of 'The Drowsy Chaperone'. Once again we have a very talented cast and a large and enthusiastic ensemble.

We would like to remind the cast's parents/guardians due to the Learning Advisor interviews on the Wednesday 21st and Wednesday 28th March rehearsals in these two weeks will take place on the Tuesday (20th and 27th March).

### Main Character Cast List:

**Man in Chair** - Digby Bunnett

**Mrs Tottendale** - Beth McLeod

**Underling** - Harry Altoft

**Robert Martin** - Phoebe Timmis

**George** - Jessee Champion

**Feldzieg** - Moncia Gilroy

**Kitty** - Olivia Lucas

**Pastry Chef #1** - Nikita Pawlowicz

**Pastry Chef #2** - Cassie Brooks

**Pastry Chef #3** - Natalia Morgan

**Pastry Chef #4** - Zoe Germon

**Aldolpho** - Riley Wilson

**Janet Van De Graaff** - Maddie Pawlowicz

**The Drowsy Chaperone** - Josephine Diretto

**Trix the Aviatrix** - Charlotte Neilson

### 'The Drowsy Chaperone' Show Dates:

Thursday 31st May (Evening)

Friday 1st June (Evening)

Saturday 2nd June (Matinee & Evening)

**Tickets will be available for purchase from the 5th March, more details to follow.**



PRODUCTION REHEARSAL:  
**Top:** Girls swoon over Aldolpho (Riley Wilson).  
**Above:** Mrs Tottendale (Beth McLeod) and Underling (Harry Altoft).  
**Left:** Kitty (Olivia Lucas).

## Social Justice News

### EASTER EGG RAFFLE



St Mary of the Angels Parents and Friends in conjunction with the SRC will be conducting the annual Easter Egg Raffle.

We ask that each student and member of staff donate an Easter Egg for their respective homeroom.

The money raised will be divided evenly between Project Compassion and the Parents & Friends.

Raffle booklets have been sent home with your child. Please return the sold tickets to the College Office prior to the Easter Raffle draw on Thursday 29th March.

# YEAR 8 CAMP



## **Renee McCance, Year 8 Team Leader**

A fantastic week was had by all for the Year 8 camp at Burnside Camp in Anglesea.

The weather treated the first group well, with the conditions getting a little wild and wooly for the second half of the week. However, this did not deter the students from enjoying all that Anglesea had to offer!

The students were challenged to work together as a team in both initiative activities, and the giant SUP (stand-up paddleboard), as well as to face their fears and move outside their comfort zones in challenge-by-choice activities including the climbing wall and high-ropes course. Students were also treated to some free time on the beach, which bought a smile to many faces.

It was a great opportunity to work with many peers, and to come together as a group.

Thank you to the Year 8 students for their exceptional behaviour and positive attitude to all tasks and challenges, as well as to all of the staff involved for their hard work throughout the week.



# YEAR 8 CAMP

## Eliza Wood, Year 8 (Group 1)

After a four hour drive we could finally see the ocean, and we knew we were getting close to camp. Upon arrival we quickly set up, moving straight into activities. Groups C and D began with the team building activities. Our small group of eight with great teamwork nailed each activity with ease.

After dinner, we spent time at the beach before walking a long way back to the campsite. Although we got lost, and it was getting late, we finally found our way back in time for some cake and then off to bed.

We had an early start to Day Two 6:30 for a 7:30am breakfast. It was also special as it was Ebony's birthday. Throughout the day we sang Happy Birthday to her about six times, but it was also about fun activities. We enjoyed rock-climbing, a high ropes course that had a flying fox, low ropes course, stand-up paddle boarding, and a game of pool or table tennis here and there. About we 4:00pm returned to the beach, and this time we were allowed in the water. A lot of people stayed dry preferring to make sandcastles. When we went back to the camp everyone was pretty tired so we had tea and watched 'Moana' as Miss Sparrow was all in for it. It was windy and raining when we left on the Wednesday morning. We were all a bit slow to start as many people didn't get a lot of sleep on the last night and we weren't looking forward to the four hour drive back to Nathalia. On the way home, we stopped at Nagambie for lunch, still making it back to school by 2:30pm in time for the buses home.

Everyone had an amazing time on camp! The Year 8s would like to say thank you to the teachers who came on camp with us, and the bus drivers (Ringer and Neil). A very special thanks goes to Ms. McCance for organising the camp and giving up the whole last week to be with the four Year 8 groups in Angelsea.



## YEAR 12's STILL DELIVER!

'Love' messages and Valentines gifts were a little delayed with Valentine's Day at St Mary of the Angels occurring on Monday 19th February. The Year 12 cupids delivered balloons, messages of love, chocolates and serenades. Sweet treats were also on sale at the Valentines cakestall held at recess.

The serenades were a very popular gift this year leaving just a few new students blushing. Mr Carver was treated to a particularly special love song from all of the Year 12 singers.

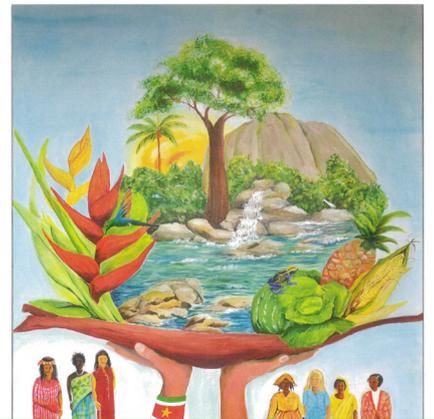


### Public Notices

World Day of Prayer—March 2018

**SURINAME**

*All God's Creation is Very Good!*



Friday 2nd March 2018

10.00am

St Marys Catholic Church, Nathalia

