

Week 11 | Term 1 | 2024

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

The term flies by as we continue to work hard together to create high expectations and drive innovation to improve student educational outcomes. Well done to the HSIE faculty for integrating project-based learning for our Year 9 students. These approaches connect our students to empathise with real world problems and enable greater student ownership of learning. Students' hard work and dedication will be displayed at our annual school ANZAC Ceremony early next term.

I am extremely proud of our recent school community initiatives. Thank you to the Year 7 Deputy Principal Renee Carniato, as well as our Year 7 Year Advisors, Shana Huzairan and Antoinette Gravante for organising the successful and highly engaging Year 7 Meet and Greet. We also saw a great turn out at our Open Night, which was an opportunity to showcase our excellent school, dedicated student leaders and passionate teachers. These nights are all about building stronger relationships with our parents and community. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Thank you to the PDHPE faculty for organising our annual Swimming and Athletics Carnival. These were very engaging events which saw our students push themselves to achieve their best.

I would also like to congratulate Antoinette Gravante for her excellent organisation of the primary school taster lessons. The students loved taking a glimpse into the lives of high school students and these opportunities allow us to strengthen our connections with our local primary schools.

I wish our school community a safe and relaxing holiday break. I look forward to starting the new term fresh.



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Important Dates

- Friday 12 April - Last day of Term 1
- Monday 29 April - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30 April - Students return for Term 2
- Wednesday 1 May - School ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Monday 6 May - Year 12 Student Contact Week
- Monday 6 May - Senior First Aid
- Tuesday 14 May - School Cross Country Carnival
- Thursday 30 May - Lansdowne Zone Cross Country Carnival
- Thursday 30 May - Special Education Post-school Expo



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Congratulations to our new Principal

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you our new principal, Mr Steven Moisisdis. Mr Moisisdis has been an integral part of our school community, serving as Deputy Principal since 2014. Prior to this role, he held the position of Head Teacher English. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated a wealth of knowledge and experience, coupled with an unwavering commitment to the betterment of our school.

Mr Moisisdis embodies the essence of dedication and hard work, consistently driving positive change and progress within our school. His vision for the future is inspiring, and we have no doubt that under his leadership, we will continue to thrive and excel.

Please join us in extending congratulations to Mr Moisisdis as our new principal. Together, let us embark on this journey of growth and success, guided by his steadfast leadership and determination. Here's to a bright future ahead under his guidance. Congratulations, Mr Moisisdis!

Uniform

As the weather turns cool, it is important to remind students and families of our uniform policy. Hoodies, beanies, and non-school jumpers are not acceptable school uniform. These items will be confiscated. Our water-resistant, fully lined school jacket and woollen school jumper provides our students with enough warmth to see them through winter. Students are also welcome to wear a plain navy scarf and female students can wear fleece lined opaque stockings under their school skirt.

Harmony Week 2024

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is **everyone belongs**.

It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Congratulations for Year 7

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 7 cohort for a strong finish to their first term at high school!

We wish our school community a safe and happy holiday. See you all back next term!



Dep. Principal

Ms Nicole Sullivan
(M, Tu, W, Th)



R/ Dep. Principal

Ms Donna Draper
(F)



R/ Dep. Principal

Mr Paul De Carli



Dep. Principal

Ms Renee Carniato
(Tu, W, Th)



R/ Dep. Principal

Ms Tina Mutschall
(M, F)



Dep. Principal

Mr Steven Daoud



International Women's Day 2024

International Women's Day - Young Women's Leadership Seminar

On International Women's Day, our Year 11 students Jaimee and Angelique alongside many other young women took part in the Young Women's Leadership Seminar at the Parliament House. The main focus of their visit was to discuss the hardships surrounding womanhood and ways to overcome these obstacles. Both students left feeling inspired and grateful for the opportunity to attend this event.





Year 11 Life Ready Week 2024

Year 11 Life Ready Week

During Week 4, Term 1, Year 11 students engaged in the Life Ready course activities. The program is designed to prepare and support our senior students with situations related to health and safety and prepare them on their journey to becoming more independent.

Thank you to Mr Liapis, the PDHPE faculty and all the teachers who supported our students during this week of valuable learning experiences.

Guest Speakers and Interactive Workshops

Glenn Clark, Fairfield/Cumberland Youth Engagement Officer and Constable Salwan Toma, Crime Prevent/Youth Officer of Assyrian Heritage informed our students of careers in policing. They also discussed the importance of appropriate conduct when communicating via social media and the negative impact poor online decisions can have on future career ambitions.

Sexual Health Workshop

Students engaged in hands-on sexual health workshops with a range of local and accessible youth health services such as FLYHT, Headspace, CORE community and Anglicare. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and were equipped with information to assist them in making informed choices in the future.

Money Vest Financial Literacy

Dominic Aarsen, founder of the money program led our students through the financial literacy workshop, highlighting the importance of creating savings accounts with high interest returns, to secure financial success. Students also reviewed key elements of payslips to effectively monitor future income.

Road Safety Awareness Program

Students engaged with numerous hands on activities at Minto Kart Lane to gain valuable experiences on the importance of road safety. This included learning about the elements of a car, such as engine fluids and breaking mechanisms, as well as how to effectively follow the road safety rules. Students also had fun driving the go karts on the track to develop their driving skills. Overall, it was a successful and fun day for all involved and it was great to see our students so well behaved and received compliments from the wider community about our student's positive behaviour. Congratulations to all involved!

Preparing our students for life beyond the school gates



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Year 11 Life Ready Camp 2024

Year 11 Life Ready Camp

Year 11 Students attended the annual 3-day camp to Webbs Creek Outdoor Adventure Camp. This was an excellent opportunity for students to experience positive interactions with each other outside of the classroom. Students enjoyed canoeing, abseiling, zip lining, archery, raft building and crate building.

These fun activities and teamwork challenges helped develop new relationships and deepen existing bonds of friendship that will develop safe, respectful learners to build their resiliency in preparation for their senior schooling.



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Open Night 2024

Open Night

We welcomed parents, students, families and our school community to our wonderful school at our Open Night. Thank you to our amazing students and teachers for proudly sharing our work!



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Open Night 2024



Connecting and engaging with our vibrant and diverse school community



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Swimming Carnival 2024

School Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival was a splashing success. Staff and students enjoyed the day under the sun at Prairiewood Leisure Centre.

Congratulations to our students who were successful in their races and were invited to represent our school at the Lansdowne Zone Swimming Carnival.





Swimming Carnival 2024



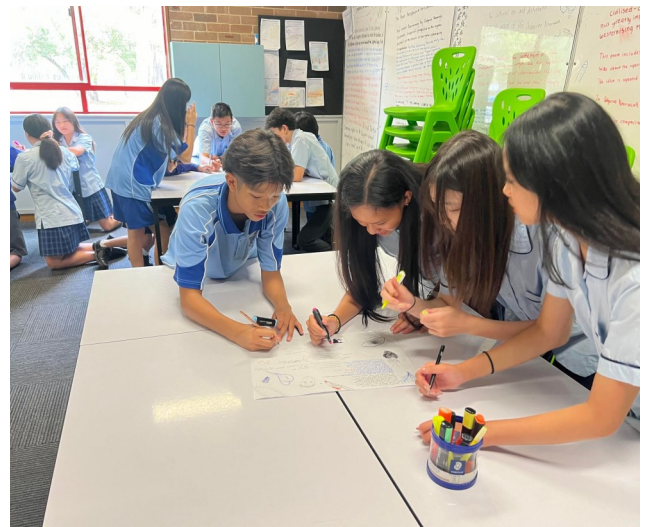
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Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 8 English

Students in 8R worked enthusiastically in groups annotating poems by Aboriginal Australian political activist, artist and educator, 'Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker). These poems are part of Topic 1: Close Study of Text, which help students broaden their understanding of Aboriginal history in Australia, while simultaneously developing their literacy skills in English.





Classroom Feature - Year 9 Commerce

Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation was invited to the Year 9 Commerce class on Wednesday 27 March, 2024. Students attended the Making Money Work workshop, where they learned money lessons for life, how to make informed decisions that relate to the world of work and the importance of knowing your rights as an employee.

Talk Money is a free financial education program which aims to help students be confident when talking about money and to make informed financial decisions. This interactive workshop enabled all students to voice their opinions, share knowledge with their peers and develop their career planning skills.



*A caring and personalised learning environment
to prepare our students for future success*



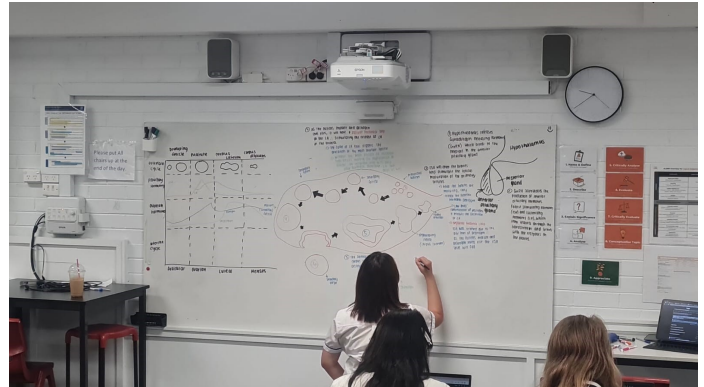


Classroom Features

Classroom Feature - Year 12 Biology

Mr Boyd loved when he walked into his Year 12 Biology class and students were teaching each other.

Peer teaching and learning at its best



UNSW Gateway Leaders Program

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This year UNSW launched the UNSW Gateway Leaders Program, a unique initiative designed to empower Year 11 students who exhibit exceptional leadership potential. This one-day on-campus experience aimed to enhance students' leadership, critical, and creative thinking skills through a series of engaging workshops and activities.

The program provided a platform for students to identify and harness their leadership strengths, equipping them with the tools to make a positive impact in their schools and communities. Students were encouraged to take part in a communications workshop led by communications expert Jo O'Reilly and participated in networking opportunities with other dedicated Year 11 students and University Ambassadors.

Our school was represented by twenty Year 11 students.

Student feedback:

"I thoroughly enjoyed this program, as it was an immersive experience and a thorough insight on university life and courses. The Year 11 Gateway program was a brilliant way of showing secondary school students' different options of university, as we got to speak to students of UNSW and learn about how they got into their course as well as the positives and negatives of university experience. The program tested our skills and leaders and individuals, as we had to get there individually as well as encouraging students to step out of their comfort zone. Overall, the UNSW Gateway Year 11 Leadership program was a great experience and really tested each person's leadership skills and knowledge, as well as building every person's confidence."

"The Leadership Gateway program by UNSW really provided a deep insight into leadership, how we are all leaders, but at different levels and how there are different qualities that define a leader and not subjected to just a selected group of characteristics. The program was interactive and fun, I really enjoyed mingling with other students, getting to know them, and especially the mentors. We were free to ask them any questions we had about university that we felt curious or unsure about. Overall, I learnt a lot from this program and the experience I have gained from being there. I would like to thank you again for this opportunity to be a part of the program."



Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lessons - Prairievale Public School

We met the bright minds from Prairievale Public School for our Primary School Links Program. We love forging community ties and inspiring students with Science and Robotics Education.



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Year 7 Meet and Greet 2024

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We are so grateful for the wonderful turnout at our Year 7 Meet & Greet Evening. Building connections with our parent community is key to student success! The balloon building (and popping) and speedy bingo fun made it a memorable evening!



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Year 7 Meet and Greet 2024



Promoting an inclusive school community



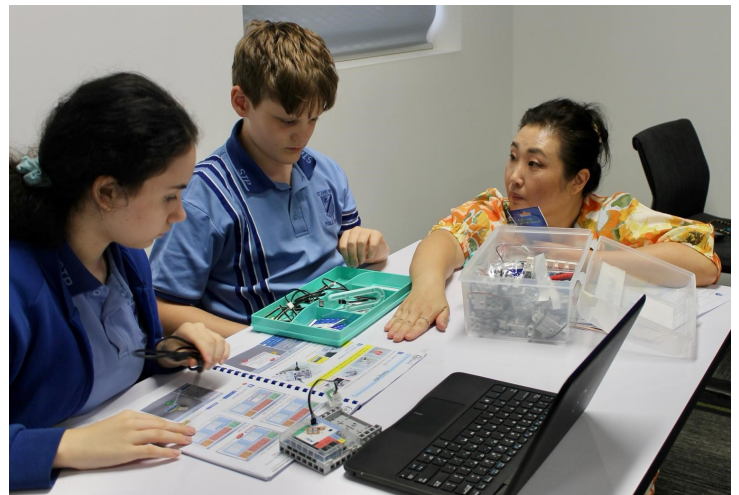
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Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lessons - St Johns Park Public School

As part of our Primary School Links Program, we welcomed students from St Johns Park Public School into our lessons. We hope you loved your visit as much as we enjoyed having you!





Primary School Taster Lessons

Primary School Taster Lessons - Edensor Park Public School

We welcomed students from Edensor Park Public School into our Science and Art lessons with our wonderful teachers to enrich their educational experience.



Strengthening our connections with our local primary schools





Athletics Carnival 2024

School Athletics Carnival

A huge shoutout to our incredible students for braving the wet weather and competing at the 2024 Athletics Carnival! Also a big thank you to our amazing teachers for their outstanding organisation and unwavering support.





Athletics Carnival 2024



A safe environment where students can achieve their best

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Year 9 History Project Based Learning

Year 9 History PBL

Our Year 9 students heard from Angus of the Fairfield RSL sub-branch, who shared insights on WWI's local impact, sparking curiosity. Huge thank you to Angus and our amazing staff for making this valuable learning opportunity happen!





Youth Leadership Conference 2024

Youth Leadership Conference

Our Year 12 Leadership Team has the privilege of attending the 2024 Youth Leadership Conference at the International Convention Centre, Sydney. This excursion brought together almost 1800 young leaders from schools across NSW under one roof, connecting one another through exciting and collaborative activities.

Our students were empowered and inspired by the conference's numerous world-class, influential keynote speakers who encouraged the embrace of our authentic leadership paths. The accumulated advice and experiences of keynote and student speakers enables us to hone our skills and confidence to make positive changes within our school and community, take the chance, and prepare us for a future in leadership.

Thank you to Youth Leadership Academy Australia and CEO Wil Massara for an amazing event!



Providing students with opportunities to achieve their best

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Western Sydney University Fast Forward

WSU Future Engagement Conference Day

Our Year 12 students who are part of the Western Sydney University Fast Forward Program, attended the 2024 Future Engagement Conference Day at Parramatta South Campus. Students could choose from 30 different university course sessions to attend. Students greatly benefited from gaining valuable information about the ATAR and the various university courses they are interested in. Students also enjoyed exploring the campus, meeting other students and having a delicious outdoor lunch.

Thank you to Western Sydney University and our school for providing our students with this opportunity.





Staff Achievements

DE International Student Awards 2024

Congratulations to our Enrolment Officer Frances Pelli for being a finalist in the International Student Support Award! It was a lovely afternoon and it was wonderful to see SAS staff being recognised for the wonderful work they do.



Community News

Fairfield Youth Week 2024

Activities available in the Fairfield LGA for students during the holiday break!

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Mon 15/04	Youth Olympiad Three days of sports and chess tournaments 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Fairfield Youth and Community Centre	Community First Step
Tue 16/04	Adobe Illustrator Workshops 2:00 - 4:00 pm	Bonnyrigg Library	Fairfield City Open Libraries
Thu 18/04	Comic Book Workshop Learn to create a comic with Christof Bogacs (DarkHorse Comics) 10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Whitlam Library Cabramatta	Fairfield City Open Libraries
Thu 18/04	SITCOM Premiere of interactive sitcom written by PYT Ensemble members 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PYT Fairfield	PYT Fairfield
Fri 19/04	Change the Game VI Futsal and basketball tournament 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Fairfield Youth and Community Centre	STARTTS and YOTS
Sat 20/04	Fairfield Poetry Slam Launch of our new local Poetry Slam 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PYT Fairfield	PYT Fairfield and Fairfield Poetry Slam



BRING IT ON!

YOUTH FESTIVAL

**FAIRFIELD
SHOWGROUND**

**SUN 21 APRIL 2024
12PM-6PM**

**FREE
ENTRY**

LIVE MUSIC • AMUSEMENT RIDES • MARKET STALLS • STREET ART • LOCAL YOUNG TALENT

**NSW YOUTH WEEK EVENT
AGES 12 - 24
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Youth Week '24

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