

Week 6 | Term 1 | 2019

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

It's been a busy term as we continue to work hard to make every school day an enjoyable and productive experience for all our students. Year 7 students have made a fabulous start to high school life and the rest of the school has settled into their new routines really well. Congratulations to Mr Liapis and Mr Cooper for their exceptional organisation of the mandatory Year 11 Life Ready Program and the supporting camp held at Webbs Creek, from all accounts students and teachers had a great time, whilst preparing students on how to make better and informed life choices. I am also excited to introduce our High Performance Program coordinator Derya Tuake who in collaboration with experienced and passionate teachers has designed enriching and dynamic learning experiences for students who have been identified as gifted and talented. These students are currently exceeding core expectations in one or more subjects in years 7-10. Last week Lisa Ida and I attended the International Students Awards, Chimey Lay Year 12 2018, received a School Service Award for her outstanding community work at our school. We are currently host to 15 International Students Y9-12, who have contributed uniquely to our wonderful culture. As we start a new year



on behalf of the teaching staff can I ask you to help your child get into good habits, to come to school every day and on time, to wear the correct full school uniform, to be reading daily and to complete set homework and assessment tasks on time. Your support at home really does make a difference!

Important Dates

- Tuesday 5 March—Whole School Photo Day
- Wednesday 6 March—SJPHS Open Night
- Wednesday 6 March—Year 12 Human Disease Museum excursion
- Wednesday 6 March—Under 14 Boys Indoor Soccer
- Thursday 7 March— Primary School Visit: St Johns Park
- Friday 8 March—School Photo Back Up Day
- Friday 8 March—SJPHS Open Morning
- Monday 11 March—SSW Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 12 March—Worlds Greatest Shave
- Wednesday 13 March—Year 10 Parliament House
- Wednesday 13 March—Year 9 Botanical Gardens
- Wednesday 13 March—Year 7 HPV Vaccinations
- Friday 15 March—Girls Open Basketball
- Friday 15 March—Year 11 USYD excursion
- Wednesday 20 March—Year 7 High Resolves
- Thursday 21 March—Harmony Day
- Friday 22 March—Boys Open Basketball
- Friday 22 March—Year 11 Work Ready Conference
- Monday 25 March—Maths Olympiad
- Tuesday 26 March—Year 7 Camp commences
- Wednesday 27 March—Year 7 Camp concludes
- Wednesday 27 March—Year 12 CAF's Karitane
- Thursday 28 March—Year 7 High Resolves

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Swimming Carnival

We were greatly impressed with our recent swimming carnival. Congratulations to our sports coordinators Ms Rebecca Smith and Ms Daniella Baldi for organising the event, and the weather was fantastic. Student attendance was at its highest and those who attended did so with a great sense of school spirit and sportspersonship. With such a great swimming complex at Prairiewood Leisure Centre, we are very fortunate and appreciative to have such a quality venue in walking distance to our school.

Year 7 Meet and Greet

Our Year 7 Meet and Greet is one of the highlights on our school calendar. Thank you to our Year 7 families who were in attendance and made the evening such an enjoyable event. Feeling connected to our school and building a strong relationship with our parents and carers is essential in providing the best support for our students. Thank you to our Year 7 Advisors Ms Helen Magriopolous and Mr Kris Ostojic for their organisation supported as always by our wonderful support staff led by Ms Genevieve Carroll.

Student attendance

It is around this time that we remind students and their families that attendance at school is the only way to ensure you are achieving the best possible education. We will be working in partnership with parents and the community to promote the regular attendance of students. It is crucial that our Year 12 students who have flexible timetables (ie they have a late start or early leave) attend each and everyone of their classes. Consequences will be issued for those students who are truanting school. Parents and carers are able see their child's timetable and attendance pattern by logging into the Sentral Parental Portal. This can be accessed by [this link on our website](#).

N-Award Warnings

N-Awards Warnings are issued to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. It warns that the student may be at risk of not meeting the Course Completion Criteria for the RoSA, Preliminary HSC or HSC. These are official warnings that give the student an opportunity to redeem themselves. Students must make a genuine effort at a task, submit the task in on time and have not plagiarised. It is only fair that the internationally recognised RoSA or HSC award is equitable for all students. If your child has received an N award Warning it may mean they are struggling with the demands of school life and need help with their organisation. We encourage students to actively speak with their classroom teacher or attend Study Hub on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

Year 12 Assessment time

Year 12 students over the next couple of weeks will be receiving a number of assessment tasks as teachers prepare for the Half Yearly report. Dates for these assignments can be found in the assessment booklets located on [our website at this link](#). Parent teacher evening for Year 12 students is on April 10, 2019.



Mr Steven Moisidis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Nicole Sullivan



Ms Renee Carniato



Hear from our student leaders

Welcome to the SJPHS newsletter 2019. A new year means big new changes, especially within the leadership family. The captaincy legacy has now been passed down to School Captains Cynthia Nguyen Huynh and Tommy Huynh, and Vice Captains Arsiak Ishaq and Mel Lim. Before we start this year off we thought we would give some advice to our new students and our Year 7 friends.

Tommy: Hello everyone! My name is Tommy Huynh and I am your very excited and honoured School captain of 2019. It only seems like yesterday when I first stepped into what seemed like such giant, tall and scary gates. It's unbelievable to fathom that it's been 5 years since that day. At the beginning of my journey I was so certain that from every single day onwards it was going to be continuous homework and assignments (certainly what Year 7's must be feeling now!), being part of the school School Representative Council (SRC) and simply taking this new 'high school' lifestyle one day at a time, I soon was able to adapt and continue to learn and grow as a person. High school is a fantastic place to discover yourself and make memories, although it can be mysterious and strange being that it unknowingly tricks you into learning life skills and becoming an adult. As your captain I look forward to helping everyone's journey be easier, safer and of course more FUN!

Cynthia: Hello parents, staff and students. My name is Cynthia Nguyen-Huynh and I am the 2019 School Captain. The subjects I take are: English Standard, Mathematics, Industrial Timber, Biology and PDHPE. The subject I look most forward to is Industrial Timber because I get to do hands on work. This year I am building a study desk for my Year 12 Major. After graduating, I would like to study Radiology and Sonography at USYD. In my spare time, I like to listen to music, watch movies on Netflix or read Harry Potter, oh and of course, STUDY! ;) How did I get the School Captain role? To be honest with you all, I don't know myself! But since primary school, I've always been apart of leadership programs. I was the class SRC in Year 2 and 4 and was the School Captain. Being a leader since I was young has helped me boost my confidence, communication skills, as well as public speaking, time management and the list continues. Moving onto High School, I was apart of the HOUSE Leadership Team from Year 7 until all the way until I was School Captain. The HOUSE system at our high school does not only focus on sport events like swimming and athletics carnival, if we focus a lot around on improving leadership skills and just as a person in general. Being apart of HOUSE has given me many opportunities like meet and greet special and important guests, run events, build on my teamwork, and just how to be a leader in general. I encourage all our new students to get involved in the student leadership teams. Being the School Captain so far has also provided me with many opportunities and I can't wait for more in the future.



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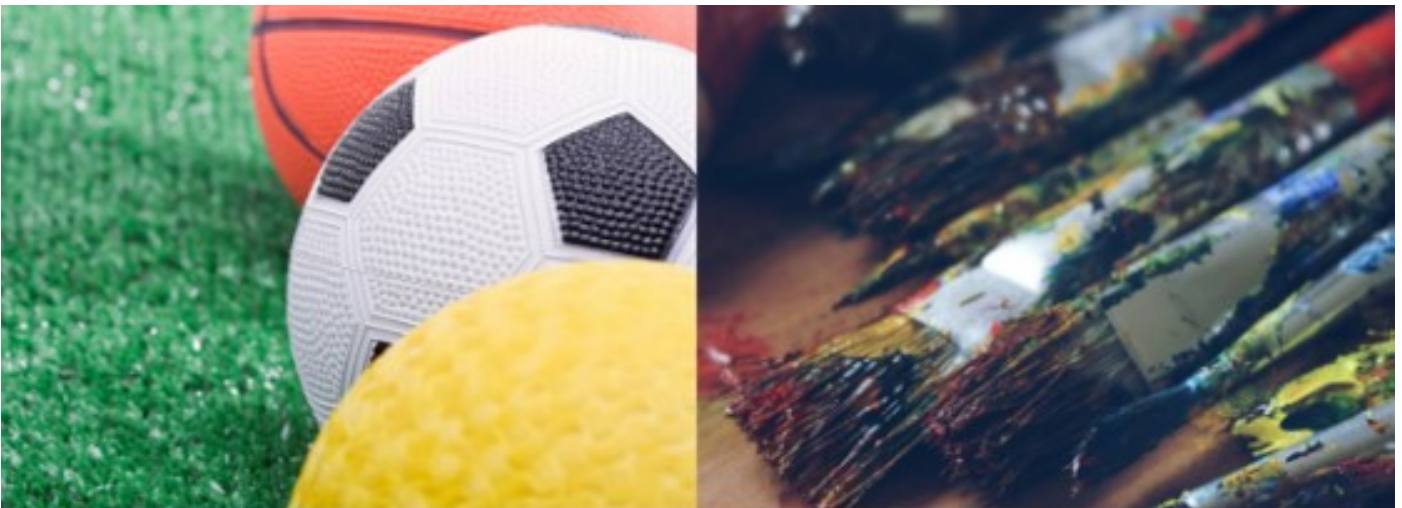


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Mel: My name is Mel Lim and I'm the Vice Captain of St. Johns Park High School for 2019. It's been 5 years since I first came into this school and throughout my high school journey I've learnt that school isn't just about studying or academic success, but so much more. High school, especially from year 7 to 10, should be a time where you discover yourself, what you are interested in or passionate about because at the end of the day, academic results can only get you so far in life. Use your time in high school to figure what drives and motivates you, because no one can tell you what does. Only you can.

Arsiak: Hey guys, my name is Arsiak Ishaq and I am also the Vice Captain of St Johns Park High school for 2019. Starting a new year within a completely new school is daunting, and for our Year 7 students the jump from primary to high school even more so. I'm not going to lie and say high school is going to be easy. High school will be challenging, it'll present you with a number of obstacles, all of which will make you want to give up. My advice is to everyone is to keep on moving forward, regardless of how many times you fail, regardless of how many obstacles you face, because once you reach the end it will all be worth it.



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EACH YEAR, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS CAN RECEIVE A \$100 VOUCHER TO GO TOWARDS BOTH CREATIVE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES.

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Positive Behavior for Learning (PB4L)



Our school embraces positive student wellbeing at every level

The SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER Journey Begins at St Johns Park High! On Tuesday the February 19, Mr Moisisdis, Ms Santi and Ms Mitchell launched our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) program during our student assemblies. Our PB4L program is part of our comprehensive Wellbeing and Welfare Policy. Mr Moisisdis and the Wellbeing Team have worked extensively to create a new Wellbeing Policy which details the all the student support systems that we have in place to facilitate our students' emotional, academic, social and physical development. PB4L is the platform we are using to launch our new Wellbeing Policy.

PB4L promotes our key behavioural expectations - SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER. During the assembly students were explicitly taught the value of our key behavioural expectations. SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER embodies life-long values that will improve our student's wellbeing and quality of life. Our students were particularly inspired by the discussion about the importance of being a LEARNER for life.

We are very excited to announce that there will be a SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER Launch Day in Term2. This Launch Day will include a whole variety of festive activities that students can be involved in.

Our school embraces and promotes positive student wellbeing at every level. We are so excited to be launching Positive Behaviour for Learning this year! Stay tuned for updates.



Student recognition at International Awards

St Johns Park High School proudly supports the International Student Program. We currently have 15 International students enrolled at our school from countries including Vietnam, Cambodia and China. These students are here in Australia to immerse themselves in our education system and diverse multicultural community.

On Thursday 21 February our school attended the 2019 International Student Awards Ceremony, held at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney. This ceremony recognises International students across New South Wales for academic achievement, school service and leadership.

Congratulations to our Year 12, 2018 graduate, Chimey Lay who received a School Service Award on the night.

Chimey was an industrious student who took full advantage of her time at St Johns Park High School. She participated in a number of fundraisers during her time her and became a valuable member of our school community. She was held in high esteem by both her teachers and her peers. Chimey is now studying Nursing at UTS and we are extremely proud of her achievements. Congratulations Chimey!



Congratulations to Chimey Lay pictured here with Ms Marianne Siokos (Director Educational Leadership), Ms Effie Niarchos (Principal) and Ms Lisa Ida (School Administration Support).

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Our first weeks at High School

Our Year 7 students share some insights into their first weeks of High School

So, my first few days at school were scary, I know surprising right. I was really scared at first because my anxiety told me, "HEY YOU WANT TO GET BULLIED!?" But my first impressions were really good! The teachers that I had for my subjects and Orientation Week were really fun and unique! To me they weren't boring. Orientation Week was a blast, we got to learn a lot about this school and the new subjects, which so happened to be things I was interested in. My first class (That wasn't in orientation week) was PDHPE with Ms Tuake. Although we didn't do much - we just glued a sheet in then a fire alarm happened. The first teacher of my high school gave me a really good impression of the school, she's very up beat making it so we don't get bored and actually learn. All the teachers I have are all very up beat, especially Ms Walker, she's a very funny teacher. In conclusion, the teachers are really good, the subjects are versatile and the school isn't dirty :D My first days at this school were really fun and I hope others had a really good time as well.

By Pete Vongsikea



My first few weeks of High school were fun but I thought it wasn't going to be very different. Boy was I wrong. It was completely different than my old school but I enjoyed it because of the little boost I had from my brother and friends from primary school. Orientation week was amazing because we got to meet other Year 7s and learn about the school and how great the courses and teachers are! My first class was PDHPE but we were rudely interrupted by a fire alarm. The teachers are really nice to me and I appreciate that. The classes are a problem and I really enjoy most of them because the way the teachers have humor but get things done. I have to admit I was scared of high school because we moved from a small school that we stayed at for so long to a massive school that we didn't even know how to navigate. These first weeks have been amazing and that's how I want to conclude this.

By Anto Lovric



Our first weeks at High School

As we entered the front gate we were hit with a wave of worry. We had to go to the hall and we got lost, so we followed an another Year 7 student. We were shocked that it wasn't called 'the hall', but the 'MPC'. Other people had friends with them but we were alone for 5 minutes and then saw friends from our school. Our friend said they had got lost too! As all year 7 walked into the hall, everyone had to go into their assigned groups. We went to during roll call and received a message about camp. A lot of people were talking about camp if they were going camp or not. We really hope that everyone in Year 7 gets to go to camp because there are a lot of activities that will be lots of fun. We were surprised at how big the school is. There is so many more people here and there are so many buildings. We love the playground—there are so many areas that you can play. We often play handball in the quad or basketball. Our first couple of lessons at school have been good. We love Science with Ms Walker. She is so entertaining and funny. English has been a great subject as well. We can get heaps of merits by doing our work and completing trivia. We also love the canteen. We have received our first assignment in Mathematics and we have to build a bridge—so exciting!

By Nathen Sen and Ryan Nguyen



The Sentral Parent Portal

Where to go to check your child's reports, attendance and timetable. Access via our website [at this link.](#)





Open Night 2019

We welcome all Year 5 and 6 students and their families to Open Night 2019. Come and hear about innovative programs, hear from our Principal and tour our facilities.

Innovate

Excel

Inspire

ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Open Night

MARCH 6, 2019 - 6PM

MARCH 8, 2019 - 10AM

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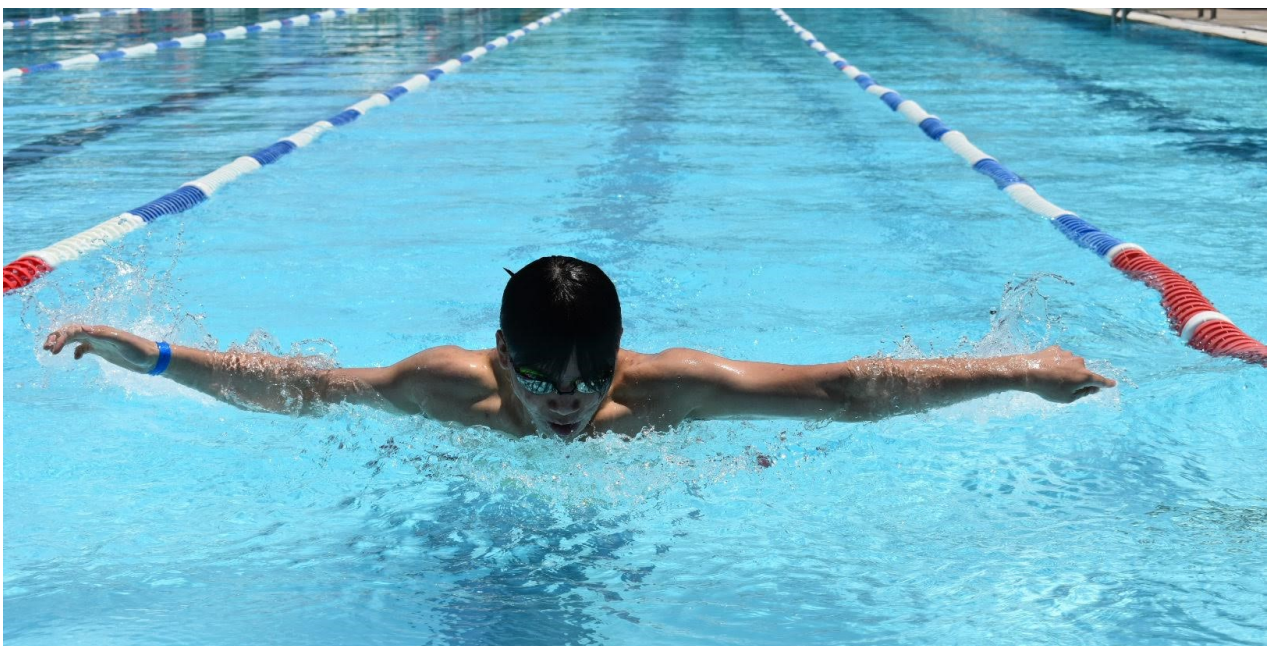
Swimming Carnival results 2019

The 2019 St Johns Park High School Swimming carnival was held on Thursday 7 of February at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Students were well dressed in their team colours and enthusiastic to participate, especially in the novelty events.

We had a large number of participants for each age group and the Age Champions were awarded as follows:

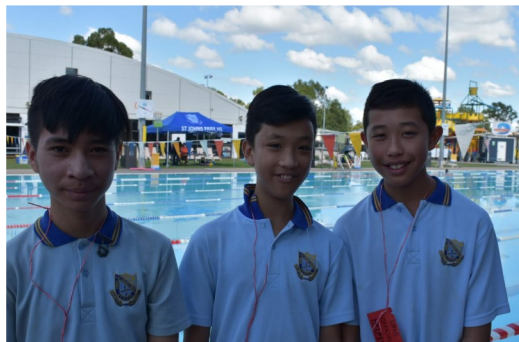
Age	M/F	Name	House
12 Yrs	F	Natalie Luu	Epsilon
	M	Ethyn West	Beta
13 Yrs	F	Nidhi Sharma	Beta
	M	Zak Marsh	Epsilon
14 Yrs	F	Jennifer Gatt	Epsilon
	M	Tyler Morley	Gamma
15 Yrs	F	Breanna Clarke	Epsilon
	M	Eric Ma	Beta
16 Yrs	F		
	M	Daniel Lin	Alpha
17+ Yrs	F	Hannah Le	Gamma
	M	Matthew Shannon	Epsilon

Place	House	Points
1st	Alpha	600
2 nd	Epsilon	565
3 rd	Gamma	535
4 th	Beta	400





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Morning fitness for students



St Johns Park High School

Presents

STRIPES



Sports Training & Recreation, Improving Physical Education Squad Group Fitness



Where: School Gym in the MPC

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:15 to 8am
Wednesdays 3 to 4pm

Cost: Free

Bring along: Water, sportswear
and a can do attitude.

We want you there!

See the PDHPE staff for more information

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