

Week 10 | Term 1 | 2019

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

I would like to begin by congratulating our wonderful school community for celebrating our cultural diversity on Harmony Day. I continue to be impressed by our student leaders and the commitment of our teachers in promoting a culture of acceptance, inclusion and respect for everyone regardless of their backgrounds. I am equally proud of our school's latest achievement, we have just become an official White Ribbon school by completing the Breaking the Silence respectful relationships program. This program provides students and teachers with knowledge, tools and strategies to develop awareness of some of the negative impacts of gender stereotypes and how this can influence our attitudes and beliefs and to build a culture of respect and gender equality. Congratulations to Julie Le and Tommy Koutsonikolis for leading this important initiative. It's always good to have new challenges and Year 7 can vouch for this! Year 7 have returned from their two day camp feeling more positive, independent and ready for their next adventure. Congratulations to our camp organiser Adrian Cooper, Year Advisors Helen Magiropoulos and Kris Ostojic, all our teachers who gave up their time to attend, and our incredible students who made the experience worthwhile. And finally, a big shout out to our brave students and teachers raised funds to support Australians with blood cancer. Well done to our wonderful SRC for supporting this important cause!

St Johns Park High School is seeking to re-establish a P&C Association to support our school community. With your collaboration we will continue to build a caring environment with great community spirit, where our students will thrive. As a first step, we will hold a public meeting for the whole school community to discuss establishing a P&C Association for St Johns Park High School. This meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 9 April at 9.30 am**. I look forward to meeting you at our inaugural P&C Association meeting. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact us on 9610 8035.



Upcoming events

- 1 April—Year 9 & 10 Elevate Study Skills
- 1 April—Year 10 PDHPE PBL Expo
- 1 April—Year 11 Farm Case Study Camden Environmental Centre
- 2 April—Year 8 Maths PBL Hook Event
- 2 April—Year 11 Fast Forward Program
- 3 April—Whole School Athletics Carnival
- 4 April—Whole School Athletics Carnival
- 5 April—Make a Difference Day
- 5 April—Sydney Tower Hospitality excursion
- 5 April—Year 8 Maths PBL Hook Event
- 8 April—CHS Swimming Carnival
- 9 April—Multicultural Day
- 9 April—CHS Swimming Carnival
- 10 April—Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3 to 6pm
- 10 April—CHS Swimming Carnival
- 10 April—SPARTAN Challenge
- 11 April—ANZAC Day Ceremony
- 12 April—Royal Easter Show excursion
- 15 April—School holidays commence
- 29 April— Staff Development Day
- 30 April—Students resume for Term 2



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Important events coming up

The term is fast coming to a close and we are still holding a number of important events for our students. The most notable is our annual school athletics carnival on the 3 and 4 of April and Multicultural Day on 9 April. These wonderful events promote school spirit and encourage students to feel connected to our school. These days are compulsory for all students and non-attendance will count as an absence.

Uniform

New stock of our school jackets have arrived so all students should now be set for winter. Despite this, we still see students arrive to school out of uniform and wearing black hoodies or jackets. We continue to have high expectations of all our students and we expect everyone to be in full school uniform every day. We ask that our parents and families assist us in ensuring our students look presentable and respectful.

Quality teaching

As a school we are committed to the ongoing professional learning of our staff. Access to the latest research in teaching practice and a professional learning program that provides opportunities for teachers to develop their craft in the classroom continues to be a focus of our school. During this term, all staff worked through mandatory training in Child Protection and the Code of conduct. Throughout the year, teachers participate in twilight professional learning sessions that run until 6pm. Twilight training in Term 1 provided opportunities for a detailed analysis of HSC results. Research indicates that some of the most effective professional learning comes from opportunities to share and model best practice with one another. The commitment of teachers to their own professional learning, best practice in classroom delivery and improved student outcomes is unquestionable. St Johns Park High School enjoys the services of some of the best teachers in NSW.

Year 12 Parent Teacher evening

We are now at the half way point for our Year 12 students completing the HSC. Our teachers are finalising reports and are providing students with comprehensive feedback on what they have achieved and suggestions for how to improve. We invite all our parents to have a short meeting with their child's teacher at our Parent Teacher evening on Wednesday the 10 April from 3 to 6pm. To book an interview time please do so via this link—<https://web1.stjohnspk-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>



Mr Steven Moisidis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Nicole Sullivan



Ms Renee Carniato



The World's Greatest Shave 2019





St Johns Park High School has around 900 students all who come from different cultural backgrounds. Our school is culturally and linguistically diverse, as 90% of the students come from non-English speaking backgrounds whose families come from over 60 different countries. It is essential that as SRC, we aim to raise awareness on multiculturalism and to deliver the concept of being inclusive and accepting of one another. It is our goal for SJPHS to know more about the multicultural values of our school, and in order for it to happen, we have planned Harmony Day and Multicultural Day.

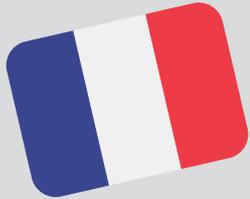
On the 21st of March, SRC raised awareness on Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about celebrating cultural diversity in Australia, this was implemented by the United Nation to end racial discrimination. We held an event by having students print their hand on blank fabric by paint. This brought many people to see the different cultures in SJPHS. Many students have also participated in writing their thoughts on Harmony Day, multiculturalism and diversity on sticky notes. SRC has planned on continuing the efforts by further introducing another ongoing event that SJPHS had celebrated for many years.

On the 9th of April, SRC has organised Multicultural Day by planning out an immense amount of activities that come from different countries. To showcase our schools multiculturalism, students and teachers have been encouraged to participate in a fashion show by wearing their cultural clothing. There are also activities ranging from sumo wrestling, spice challenge and cultural performances. Through Harmony Day and Multicultural Day, SRC hopes to have promoted multiculturalism in a way that allows students to appreciate the cultural diversity of our school. These events have been occurring annually so that students are able to come and celebrate with one another by sharing their traditions and dressing up to their traditional clothing and to show our students how diverse our school is.

Han and Jessica - 2019 School Prefects



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SRC PRESENTS
**MULTICULTURAL
DAY**



Tuesday 9th April

Period 2 to Period 3



Gold coin donations for wearing mufti
will be collected to support the victims
of New Zealand's Christchurch attack.





Visit to NSW Parliament House

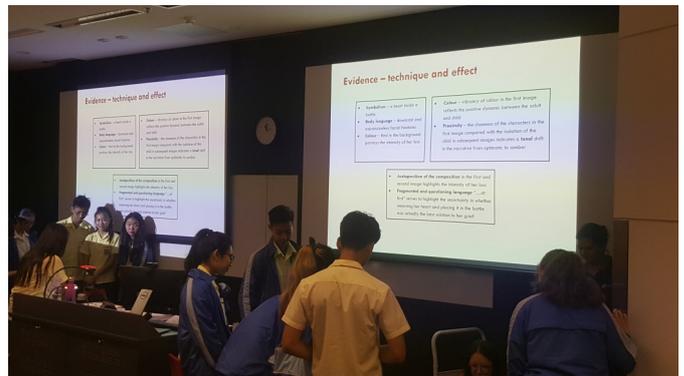
On Wednesday 13 March Ms Drury and Mrs Glaves took 11 Year 10 Commerce students and 20 Year 11 Legal Studies students to NSW Parliament House. Students, with their teachers spent 90 minutes on a tour of the NSW Parliament. They firstly visited the lower house which is the Legislative Assembly to learn about its role in the law making process. During this time the students were involved in a role play and took on the guise of parliamentarians in order to act out how a bill is read in the lower house. The tour continued into the upper house which is the Legislative Council. Students were again told about the role of the upper house and its history. The role play continued and culminated in the students passing a Bill about raising the legal drinking age to 21 in NSW. Students also had a visit by the President of the Legislative Council, John Ajaka who explained more about the history of our state parliament. This excursion reinforced student's understanding of Statute Law which is often a difficult concept to comprehend and remember.





Students visit Sydney University

50 Year 11 students participated in the Widening Outreach Program at Sydney University. Students attended workshops to develop their essay writing skills in preparation for the HSC. They were also upskilled in deconstructing and formulating arguments, critical thinking and interpreting scholarship applications.



ST JOHNS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Working in partnership with our students and families to ensure student success



Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening

10 April 2019

3 to 6pm

School MPC

Half Yearly reports can be collected on the night

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Year 11 Camp 2019

Year 11 Life Ready camp was easily the best camp I have ever been to and I will forever have the best memories from camp. At camp, I became close with people I had no idea I would have, I developed my teamwork skills and I learnt that you do not need a five star hotel to have an amazing time. As much as we all hated there being no reception and no Wi-Fi we were thankful because it allowed us to stop, look around and appreciate the natural Australian environment around us. Of course, I believed the 'drop bear' story they told us until I realised there was no such thing as a koala with fangs!

The crossroads camp offered 5 days of activities including flying fox, Aqua Park, mud mania, canoeing and abseiling. Flying fox was one of my favourites where I hung upside down across the zip line. Of course, I was stuck the first time and dangling at the edge helplessly and my teacher laughed.

I also really enjoyed canoeing because somehow my partner and I managed to capsize our canoe while playing a competitive game. After carrying our canoe in deep water into the slimy mangroves and lifting it above our shoulders to empty the water and climb back in using another canoe we walked back to the showers cold, slimy and scratched but full of happy memories. The camp also offered 4 night time activities, flour fight, teacher scavenger hunt and two optional activities an inside soccer hockey game and a castle walk to see the sunset. I really enjoyed the flour fight, which required us to throw bags of flour at each other and pretty much just go crazy. We fought until dark with torches and with a missing shoe. I came back home with a clear fresh mindset along with multiple bruises but it was all worth it. I will carry each memory with me throughout my life. I would not change anything about this camp and I highly recommend St Johns park high school continue to offer this camp to future year 11 students and hope their experience was as great as mine.





Year 11 Camp 2019



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Lush greenery, native plants and yummy delights were all on offer at our visit to the Royal Botanical gardens.

On the Wednesday, 13 March our Food Technology students who are currently studying the Food in Australia unit, set off to the Royal Botanical Gardens to get a greater sense of our heritage and history in relation to food, in particular, on how our Indigenous people used the land to live a healthy and sustainable life for centuries. They investigated the traditional native foods eaten by Aboriginal people, their nutritional value and their relationship to health. Students had the opportunity to see and touch samples of the tools used for hunting, collecting and preparing bush food.

Students actively participated in preparing recipes that incorporated bush food ingredients. They loved cooking and eating the bush tomatoes seasoned popcorn, mountain pepper kangaroo with bush tomato relish and wattle seed damper with quandom jam. Under the guidance of the garden's Aboriginal Education Officer, students walked through the Cadi garden to identify plants that were used for food, tools and medicine.

After the fun filled and engaging lesson, we embarked on our journey to Farm Cove and the beautiful harbour. We walked along the promenade to the Opera House and then to Circular Key where we had a quick lunch and then back on the train home.





Year 12 Drama

This term Year 12 visited the Seymour Theatre Centre to watch OnStage. OnStage is an annual theatre event which showcases the best HSC Drama performances of the previous year. The performances were truly amazing! Some were hilarious, some were deeply moving.... and all were genuinely inspiring. A great day was had by all of the students who received numerous comments about their excellent behaviour and neat appearance. Our year 12 students represented our school admirably. They were supportive of all the performers and conscientiously viewed the design projects in the theatre foyer. As the students left the Seymour Centre they were busily gushing about the awesome performances and design projects. All of the students were excitedly starting to plan their own performances. Year 12 Drama would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Moisisdis and Mr. DeCarli for facilitating the excursion and giving them the opportunity see some stunning live theatre. You can catch their own Group Performances in week 3 of term 3..... stay tuned for the stars of Saint Johns Park High playing at the MPC in July 2019!!!!





St Johns Park High School has introduced School Library Representatives (SLR) for students who are interested in working in the library. This is a fabulous opportunity for students to develop their leadership skills, work as a team, and be a role model to other students.

Some of the roles and responsibilities of a library representative is to assist students with enquiries and photocopying, and help at the circulation desk with scanning, stamping and returning books.

The SLR will also select new books to display weekly and be involved in running various library activities, like creating competitions, running a book club and much more. If you need any assistance in the Library, please feel free to ask our wonderful and friendly Library Representatives or Library Staff.



We are so excited to announce and congratulate our new team for 2019.

Alex Maric, Sabrina Maimone,
Maddie-J Williams, Sam
Salem, Kim Ma,
Chelsea Ismaiel, Linda Truong,
Nidhi Sharma, Vivienne Lin,
Danyal Lou



Attention Year 7 and 8 students!
Interested students are welcome to join the
HOUSE student leadership team.
Pick up an interest form from the Science
Staffroom today!

St. John's Park High School ensures that student, parent and staff privacy in our newsletter is maintained. If photographs or written material offend or permission was not given please contact the school and notify Lisa Ida or Renee Carniato. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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School Stream App

CASULA POWERHOUSE ARTS CENTRE

ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2019

10 - 11am : Holiday KinderCraften

Creative playgroup for ages 2-5

\$10 (all materials included)

11 - 12pm : Showtime Tuesday Holiday Addition

Skill development, creative expression and choreography for access participants

\$10 (all materials included)

11.30 - 3.30pm : Art School Holiday School*

2 day art workshop for ages 6-9

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Art School Holiday School will take place on 16 & 17 April.*

WEDNESDAY, 17 APRIL 2019

11 - 12pm : Can Do Clay Holiday Addition

Clay workshop for access participants

\$10 (all materials included)

11.30 - 3.30pm : Art School Holiday School*

2 day art workshop for ages 6-9

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Art School Holiday School will take place on 16 & 17 April.*

12 - 4pm : Street Art Holiday School*

2 day art workshop for ages 12+

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Street Art Holiday School will take place on 17 & 18 April.*

THURSDAY, 18 APRIL 2019

10 - 11am : Holiday KinderCraften

Creative playgroup for ages 2-5

\$10 (all materials included)

11.30 - 3.30pm : Junior Clay School Holiday School*

Clay workshop for ages 6-9

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Junior Clay School Holiday School will take place on 18 & 23 April*

11.30 - 3.30pm : The Magic of Painting

Painting workshop for ages 6-9

\$25 (all materials included)

12 - 4pm : Street Art Holiday School*

2 day art workshop for ages 12+

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Street Art Holiday School will take place on 17 & 18 April.*

TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2019

10 - 11am : Holiday KinderCraften

Creative playgroup for ages 2-5

\$10 (all materials included)

10 - 4pm : Powerhouse Voices School Holiday Workshop

Acapella workshop for ages 8-12

\$30

11.30 - 12.30pm : Art Adventures Holiday Addition

Art workshop for access participants

\$10 (all materials included)

11.30 - 3.30pm : Junior Clay School Holiday School*

Clay workshop for ages 6-9

\$50 for 2 days (all materials included)

**Junior Clay School Holiday School will take place on 18 & 23 April*

11.30 - 3.30pm : Drawing on a Younger Mind

Drawing workshop for ages 10+

\$25 (all materials included)

12 - 4pm : Dance Beats Holiday School*

Inaugural dance workshops for ages 10 - 12

\$50 for 2 days

**Dance Beats Holiday School will take place on 23 & 24 April*

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2019

11.30 - 3.30pm : Drama Camp

Drama workshop for ages 6-9

\$25 (all materials included)

12 - 4pm : Dance Beats Holiday School*

Inaugural dance workshops for ages 10 - 12

\$50 for 2 days

**Dance Beats Holiday School will take place on 23 & 24 April*

For more information go to :

<http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/whats-on/lcc-whats-on/autumn-school-holidays-2019>