

Week 2 | Term 3 | 2019

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk



Education Week is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the impact of public education. I am incredibly proud of the innovative teaching and learning that occurs in our school to ensure that every student can perform to their full potential. This year's education week theme is "Every Child – Every Voice" – Congratulations to Deputy Principal Renee Carniato who has organised Education Week 5 – 9 August and provided opportunities for our community to see firsthand the great learning happening in our school. Within Education Week we also celebrate NAIDOC week and are excited to welcome Jason Douglas from Dalmarri group to our school on Tuesday 6 August. At our whole school assemblies Dalmarri will discuss the Aboriginal culture and heritage in the area, share artefacts and engage in design and traditional painting of totem poles with our Indigenous students to strengthen their connection to Aboriginal culture.

At St Johns Park High School we are committed to public education and learning environments where every child can flourish. Over the next two weeks we are also very busy in preparing Year 10 students for their future studies beyond high school. Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 14 August at Marconi, is the best place for you to start to learn how you can best support your child. We know that sorting out subject selection for the HSC can be tricky, on the night we will help by providing you with information from NESA, the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and from our highly experienced and dedicated staff. I look forward to seeing you at these events and at our Drama Showcase on Wednesday 7 August.

Congratulations to Kathleen Trieu, whose application for the 2019 Secretary for a Day program was successful. Kathleen will have an opportunity to work with business units from the NSW Department of Education.

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Important Dates

- Thursday 8 August—Year 11 CAF's to Westmead Hospital
- Monday 12 August—Science Week
- Monday 12 August—HSC Trial Exams commence
- Tuesday 13 August—Year 11 SLR to King Park Primary School
- Wednesday 14 August—Science Show 2019 for 10R, Year 7, Special Education
- Wednesday 14 August—Subject Selection Evening
- Thursday 15 August—Year 11 SLR to St Johns Park Primary School
- Thursday 15 August—Senior Subject Selection Information Day
- Friday 16 August—Science Show 2019 for 10R & Primary Schools
- Thursday 29 August—Senior Interview Day
- Friday 30 August—Trial HSC Exams conclude

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Year 10 Subject Selection

It is a busy time for Year 10 at the moment. Students received information regarding their upcoming subject selection day and evening on the 14th of August. It is compulsory that students and parents attend the subject selection evening starting at 6:30pm. We would like to thank Club Marconi for being our host. If students have questions regarding subjects on offer or patterns of study they should see Ms Jane Andrew our Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways or Ms Renee Carniato our Deputy Principal for Year 10. For a link to our subject selection book, click [here](#).

It is important to note that there have been many changes to the HSC—including new and different subjects. Parents might be interested to note that there are changes to English, Mathematics, Science and History courses. All courses will have changes to their assessment structures, limiting the number and type of assessment tasks within Year 11 and Year 12. To find out more information please go to the NESA website.

Year 12 Trial Exams

With HSC Trial exams starting Monday 12 August, students should now be organising notes, revising information and practising past examination papers to make sure they understand the concepts and texts learnt over the past year.

It is normal to experience some anxiety or stress during the exam period. In fact, being stressed can help you stay motivated, alert and focused. Getting organised, staying healthy by continuing to exercise and eat well and keeping to a routine are all important for you to help lower your stress during this time.

The national study guide published by the Sydney Morning Herald might be a great starting point and has many useful strategies and tips to help you achieve success.

A copy of the Exam timetable is attached in this newsletter.

We wish Year 12 all the best for the upcoming exam period.



Mr Steven Moisidis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Nicole Sullivan



Ms Renee Carniato



Important Year 12 Information Term 3 2019

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ATARS RELEASED SAME DAY AS HSC

ATARs this year will be released at 1pm on **Tuesday 17 December** – the same day as HSC results.

Students will have all the information they need on the day to make their future study decisions and have more time to finalise their preferences for December Round 2.

The deadline for finalising December Round 2 offer round preferences is midnight on **Thursday 19 December 2019**. This is the first major [offer round](#) for Year 12 students.

ALL 2020 COURSES ONLINE IN AUGUST

All 2020 courses from UAC's participating institutions will be available on UAC's website from Friday 2 August.

For students who have already applied, remind them to [log in](#) to their application to review and update their preferences.

For students who haven't yet applied, now is the perfect time. Also let them know that the Early bird application period ends at midnight on **Monday 30 September**, at which time the processing fee increases, so even if they're not sure, [apply now](#) so they can keep their options open and their budget sweet.

UAC PIN REMINDER EMAILS COMING SOON

An email will be sent to Year 12 students on **Friday 2 August** to let them know that all courses are now online and to remind them of their UAC PIN.

Let students know that PINs will be emailed to the address they have registered with NESA, so they need to ensure this is a current email address. If they have already applied, their PIN reminder will be sent to the email address they used when they submitted their application.

HOW TO APPLY THROUGH UAC

To start their UAC application students will need their **Year 12 student number** (issued through their school) and their UAC PIN.

Once they have applied they can use their UAC Application Number (generated once they put in their personal details) and UAC PIN to login and manage their application.

If students don't have their UAC PIN email, or are having problems with their PIN, they can [read the FAQ](#) or [contact UAC](#) directly.

WHY APPLY THROUGH UAC

Applying through UAC allows students to apply for courses across 27 institutions. Some of those institutions also offer direct applications just for their own courses.

It's important for students considering a direct application to remember the following:

- not all institutions accept direct applications from Year 12 students
 - having a UAC application also allows you to apply for EAS, SRS and Equity Scholarships
- having a UAC application as well as a direct application will give you more chance of securing an offer, so long as you don't enter the same preferences in both applications.

Senior Subject Selection for 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In the coming weeks our current Year 10 students will be asked to make some important decisions regarding their intentions for next year. Those students wishing to continue to the HSC will be asked to select the courses they wish to study. A program of events has been organised to assist Year 10 students in making considered choices about their future. The details are outlined below:

Year Meeting for Subject Selection

Monday 29 July

The Year Meeting will provide students with:

- Information regarding options for Senior pathways
- An outline of Senior Subject Selection Procedures

A copy of the Senior Subject selection booklet can be found at - <https://stjohnspk-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/courses-we-offer/subject-selection.html>

Parent and Student Subject Selection Evening

Wednesday 14 August | Time: 6.30pm | Venue: Club Marconi

An information evening for current Year 10 students and their parents will be held on Wednesday 14 August. The meeting will take place at Club Marconi in the Auditorium starting at 6:30pm. The purpose of Subject Selection Evening is to provide information to assist students and families in their selection of senior courses for Year 11, 2020. Faculty Head Teachers and our Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways Ms Jane Andrew will be available for you to ask questions and seek advice regarding your child's subject selection and future choices.

Attendance at this evening is compulsory for **ALL** Year 10 Students. A parent or carer must accompany the student.

Parents and students need to take into consideration the course fees for each subject when making their selection as these fees are a requisites for completion of the course as they cover the cost of materials.

On the night, you will receive information for how to complete your subject choices online. This is an **expression of interest** for your subject choices. **Please note that choices are not a guarantee of subjects.** It is the process by which the school collects data to establish subject lines and determine which courses will be offered in 2020.

During the evening you will be informed about:

- The requirements of the HSC
- The selection process for senior courses
- RoSA credential and School leaving age
- Consultation with teachers of courses

Subject Selection codes for 2020 will **only be** distributed at this meeting

Senior Subject Selection 2020

Senior Subject Information Day

Thursday 15 August | All day event

Students will be involved in a number of subject workshops where they can learn more about the courses offered to study in Years 11 and 12 and careers pathways in different fields. This full day program allows students to be immersed in making decisions about their future. Students are also asked to bring a copy of their Medicare card to obtain their Unique Student Identifier (USI) number, which is mandatory for all students.

Senior School Interview Day

Thursday 29 August | School Library | Individual scheduled times

At some time in the near future, students will need to attend an interview outside of school, be it for a part-time job, for entry into University or TAFE, a full time job, work experience or apprenticeship. These are formal situations and people often do not perform at their best because they are nervous and inexperienced.

St Johns Park High School has organised a program that allows our students to maximise their success in interviews, give them an advantage in a competitive world and match their subject choices to their future career.

Each student will attend an interview to discuss their intention for 2020. The interview will provide students with an opportunity to clarify their goals and to discuss on an individual basis their subject selection.

On this day, students will attend school only at the time of their interview, dressed in appropriate business attire.

Preparation for Senior School Interview Day

At the interview, students will need to:

- Present their **CAREERS PLANNING PORTFOLIO** (Students were assisted in preparing their portfolio during PDHPE classes as part of their 'Life's a Challenge' unit and assessment task)
- Present their Year 10 Semester 1 School Report and any certificates they have achieved during their time at St Johns Park High School
- Present a completed Subject Selection Form, signed by parents
- Be prepared to answer a series of questions, including:

What do you hope to achieve by completing the HSC?

What do you have to offer St Johns Park High School as a senior student?

Year 10 EX-10-SION

Term 4 | Week 6 | Monday 18 November

All Year 10 students continuing to Year 11 will commence an introductory program in all of their Year 11 classes. This program is **compulsory** and an essential part of the preparation for the senior school. It is only during this time that students are permitted to change subjects. **There will be no subject changes at the commencement of Year 11.**

It is extremely important that students make their own choices about which subjects to choose. In selecting their subjects, students should consider their interests, level of ability and future career requirements.

Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact our Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways, or your child's Deputy Principal.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Effie Niarchos



Arabic



Assyrian



Vietnamese



Tree of Life - Art Therapy Workshop

Supporting Student Wellbeing

On Thursday the 13th of June identified students were invited to participate in the *Tree of Life - Art Therapy Workshop* at St Johns Park High School. Art Therapy allows for both verbal and non-verbal forms of self-expression and communication and has been implemented through St Johns Park High School's Student Wellbeing for over six years. The *Tree of Life* is an approach used to explore life stories in a safe and meaningful way. The aim of the workshop is to encourage students' strengths, values, knowledge and skills, culture, family, significant others, and goals for the future.

Our resident Registered Art Therapist Natalie Frisch facilitated the *Tree of Life - Art Therapy Workshop*. Two groups of students ranging from years 7 to year 12 engaged in the workshops, each group running for the duration of two periods. Students responded well to the theme of the workshop, creating their own tree and reflecting on their individual strengths, challenges, goals and stories. Many thanks to those who worked towards the organization of the day! It was a great opportunity for students to participate in the *Tree of Life – art therapy workshop* and engage in the process.

If you would like your child to participate in individual art therapy sessions, group art therapy workshops, or future *Tree of Life* workshops please contact Head Teacher of Welfare Donna Draper.

For more information on Art Therapy please visit <https://www.anzacata.org/>. For more information on the Tree of Life please visit <https://dulwichcentre.com.au/the-tree-of-life/>.





In the lead-up to Education Week, selected students in NSW public schools will be preparing to attend a two day conference held by the NSW Department of Education Senior Executive. The "Secretary for a Day" program will provide selected students an opportunity to share their insights and experiences in facilitated conversations, and to contribute their ideas in co-design workshops with their peers across the state and with senior executives of the department.

Congratulations to Kathleen Trieu, our HOUSE Executive who has successfully been selected to be part of this student voice engagement experience.

We are very proud of Kathleen and we can't wait to hear about her experience.



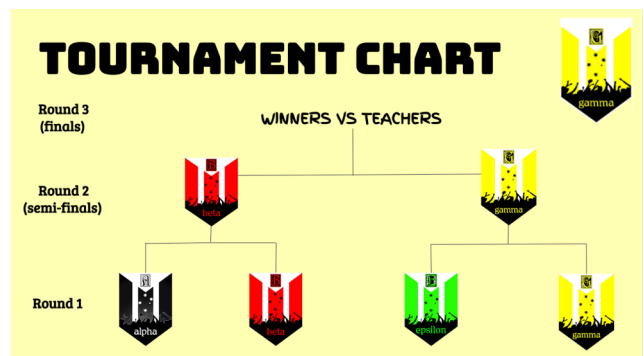
Thank You to everyone who has brought in their Woolies 'Earn & Learn' Stickers!

Together, we have collected a total of 6636 stickers which we will use to purchase a portable green screen and lots of coloured paper for our students.

We want to thank every family who has contributed to these purchases.

Promoting School Spirit

Our HOUSE student leaders promote school spirit through engaging activities during their lunch breaks. This term, our Gamma House Captains will be hosting a 'Odgyrod Tournament'.



What is 'Odgyrod'?

A competitive game made up of two teams requiring cooperation amongst players with the same goal of catching the ball behind their scoring line. There will be a total of 3 rounds with the winning team competing against our teachers in the finals.

Students who are interested in competing are encouraged to sign up during Week 4 as the games will be held in Weeks 4 & 5.

May the best HOUSE win.



HOUSE & PR Recruitment - We are looking for new members to join our team

Students who are interested to be part of our leadership team are invited to apply by picking up a HOUSE application form from Mrs Cooper in the Science Staffroom. The PR Team application form will be available at Mrs Waesch's office door, both applications are due Friday Week 4 Term 3





Archibull Prize Competition 2019

The Year 9 Elective Visual Arts class has committed itself to participating in the “2019 Archibull Prize Competition”. The “Archibull Prize Competition” is designed to raise awareness and understanding of the opportunities and challenges faced by Australia’s Primary Industries. It looks at the range of employment opportunities; issues associated with climate change; producers and their products; growing and raising animals and plants for consumption; and an emphasis this year, on **Bio-security** and its importance in keeping our country safe from pests and diseases.

As a class, this collaborative artwork will use the **Wool Industry** as its focus. Ironically, we have a full- size fibreglass cow to work on as our canvas. The class is busily organising their many ideas about the wool industry into a series of paintings; wool-based objects; a blog; and an infographic.

Each school in the competition has a Young Farming Champion who works in the allotted Primary Industry, attached to them. Our Young Farming Champion, **Lucy Collingridge**, participated in an online link-up last term, and visited St Johns Park High School on Tuesday 23.7.2019. Lucy is a Bio-Security Officer who works with sheep farmers for the wool industry, to ensure their flocks are healthy and safe from pests and disease. She came and spoke to the Visual Arts class and the Year 10 Agriculture class about her work and its importance. She brought with her, a full fleece of wool as it comes off the sheep, examples of wool at all steps of the cleaning and production process, and a variety of woollen products including woollen running shoes that don’t look like they are made from wool. Lucy came from Nyngan to meet us – about 7 hours’ drive away from Sydney.

The progress continues with our entry – “Elizabeth Moo-Carthur” - who we have named after Elizabeth Macarthur, who was instrumental in the development of the Australian sheep and wool industry. Our blog is “live” and shows our progress and information about the Bio-security of Australia.

Check out our blog at <https://sjphsarchie.wixsite.com/2019>





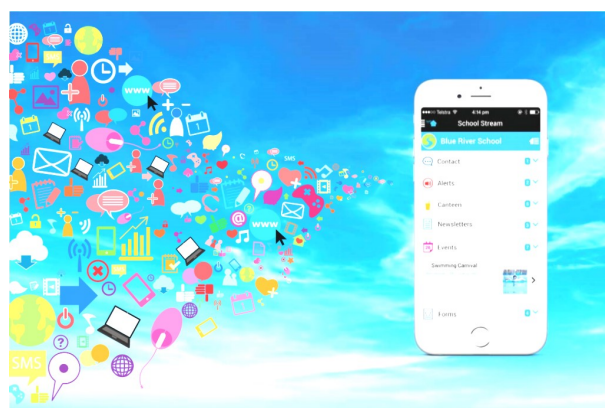
Young Farming Champion Visit



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How to Download our School App



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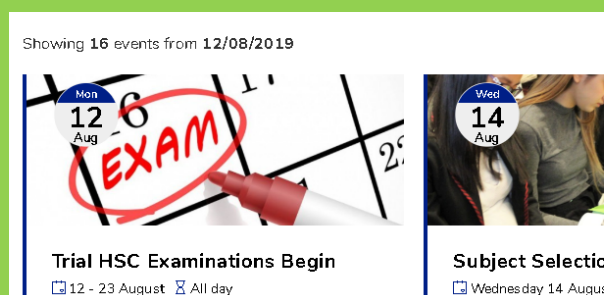
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2. Tap the FREE/GET button to the right of the listing
3. Tap the INSTALL button and Open once your login details have been entered
4. You will be prompted to accept push notifications - select OK
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5. You will be prompted to accept push notifications - select OK
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Have you seen all the events on our Website? Click the link below to see our upcoming events:

<https://stjohnspk-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/events.html>



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School Stream App



Year 12 Trial Exams 2019

Date	Exam	Start	End time	Rooms
Monday 12/08/2019	12EAL/D Paper 1	8:20	10:10	MPC
	12English Advanced Paper 1	8:20	10:10	MPC
	12English Standard Paper 1	8:20	10:10	MPC
	12English Studies exam	8:20	10:25	MPC
Tuesday 13/08/2019	12EAL/D Paper 2	8:20	9:40	MPC
	12English Advanced Paper 2	8:20	10:40	MPC
	12English Standard Paper 2	8:20	10:40	MPC
Wednesday 14/08/2019	12Ancient History exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12EAL/D Listening	8:20	9:10	E9
	12Modern History exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12Investigating Science exam	12:05	15:25	MPC
	12Retail Services VET exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
Thursday 15/08/2019	12Engineering Studies exam	8:20	10:40	MPC
	12Hospitality Food & Beverage VET exam	8:20	10:40	MPC
	12Biology exam	12:05	15:25	MPC
Friday 16/08/2019	12Music 1 Practical	8:20	14:40	MU1, MU2
	12Business Studies exam	12:05	15:25	MPC
Monday 19/08/2019	11Mathematics Accelerated exam	8:20	11:40	MPC1
	12Mathematics (Extension 1 class) exam	8:20	11:40	MPC1
	12Mathematics exam	8:20	11:40	MPC1
	12Mathematics Standard 2 exam	8:20	11:10	MPC1
	12Visual Arts exam	12:05	13:55	MPC1
Tuesday 20/08/2019	12Construction VET exam	8:20	10:10	MPC
	12Personal Development, Health & PE exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	11Mathematics Accelerated Extension exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
	12Italian Beginners exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
	12Italian Continuers exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
	12Mathematics Extension 1 exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
Wednesday 21/08/2019	12Community & Family Studies exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12Hospitality Kitchen Cookery VET exam	8:20	10:40	MPC
	12Agriculture exam	12:05	13:55	MPC
	12History Extension exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
	12Physics exam	12:05	15:25	MPC
Thursday 22/08/2019	12Legal Studies exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12Music 1 Aural	8:20	9:40	P4
	12Chemistry exam	12:05	15:25	MPC
	12Industrial Technology: Timber exam	12:05	13:55	MPC
	12Science Extension exam	12:05	14:25	MPC
Friday 23/08/2019	12Earth and Environmental Science exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12Italian Listening	8:20	14:40	LG1
	12Mathematics Extension 2 exam	8:20	11:40	MPC
	12Drama exam	12:05	13:55	E5