

Week 8 | Term 2 | 2021

Parklife

NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

Warimi, everyone! I am so excited to share some of the wonderful initiatives that are happening in our school community.

To acknowledge the importance of Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, our staff and students at St Johns Park High School held a Morning Tea for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Our Indigenous students from Years 7 - 11 invited significant people in their lives, whether it be family, past students or one important friend from their class. A huge thank you to Ms Gleeson and all students involved for their efforts in coordinating a successful morning tea. Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, **'More than a word, Reconciliation takes action'**, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

I would also like to congratulate our students and staff involved in hosting the first Leadership by the Cowpasture student conference. I am incredibly proud of our students for working in partnership with students from other schools to develop and grow leadership through collaboration.

As we approach the end of the term, a reminder of the importance of us working together, please ensure your child is coming to school on time, completing class work, homework and assessment tasks to the best of their ability. This helps us to reinforce our high expectations for achieving excellence and providing an optimal environment for student learning. Your support really does make a difference!



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Important Dates

- Thursday 3 June - Year 8 STEAM Exhibition
- Friday 4 June - Year 9 WSU Fast Forward Program
- Monday 7 June - Senior Performance Night (Rehearsal day)
- Tuesday 8 June - Senior Performance Night
- Wednesday 9 June - Year 8 Mathematics PBL Exhibition
- Thursday 10 June - Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival
- Friday 11 June - Lansdowne Zone Athletics Carnival
- Monday 21 June - Year 7-11 Parent Teacher Evening
- Thursday 24 June - Year 7 STEAM Exhibition
- Friday 25 June - Talent Quest
- Friday 25 June - Last day of school for students

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Attendance

At St Johns Park High School, we and the community believe that attendance is central to all academic and welfare issues. The responsibility for encouraging and monitoring high standards of attendance and punctuality is shared amongst the whole school community including staff, students and care providers. Students must maintain a school attendance report over **90%**. Year Advisors will interview students and/or call home for any students with low attendance and continue to monitor students.

Anaphylaxis information

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 have completed their NAPLAN exams. Their attitude, behaviour and application has been excellent and we congratulate all students on their conduct and their cooperation. Over the next few weeks, students in Year 7-10 will be completing class tasks and Half Yearly Examinations.

The importance of keeping our school environment clean

Keeping our school grounds clean is everyone's responsibility and everyone plays an important part. The state of cleanliness in our school affects all of us whether we're students, parents, visitors and teachers. When we enter the school grounds in the morning they are kept tidy and clean, however, by the end of the day it can be seen that our playground is scattered full of litter.

During playground duty it is evident that students use these grounds for many reasons. Students usually sit in the quad eating lunch while others are playing basketball on the basketball courts area. The top and bottom ovals are designed for students who wish to play touch football while others sit in undercover areas and socialise. What's really interesting is some are happy to play amongst the litter and usually students are reluctant to pick up someone else's waste.

Many events occur at our school every day like sport, PE activities, active play, assemblies and visitors enter our school premises and they can see the amount of litter in the playgrounds. Our cleaners do a wonderful job in keeping the grounds beautiful. We all need to keep our environment clean.

The underlying message of this "community service" allows students to work within their own community and learn that our environment is a vital part of our lives. We all have a duty of care and we should respect the environment we live in. This in turn will help students to build a sense of "responsibility" and "appreciation" as they use school facilities on a daily basis.



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Mr Steven Daoud



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Leadership by the Cowpasture 2021

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Our brilliant student leaders are leading students in our Cowpasture network to action! We are extremely proud of our school for hosting the first “Leadership by the Cowpasture”.

Our student leaders in our network unpacked what a leader is, identified a needed action, created an action plan then drafted a pitch to be presented at their school.

Thank you to the organisers, student MCs, high school facilitators and all participants for making this event a HUGE success!





Year 9 Science PBL Exhibition

Year 9 Science PBL - Organ Donation Exhibition

Students presented their projects in partnership with DontateLife on organ donation and the importance of registering to become organ donors. This was a great opportunity for students and the community to support organ donation.



Providing students with opportunities and resources to address real world issues

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Lansdowne Zone Cross Country

Zone Cross Country

Lansdowne Zone Cross Country Carnival was held at Fairfield City Showground. All schools demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and determination to complete the course. Our multi class athletes were an inspiration to us all. Despite the weather all athletes gave it their all!

A special thank to St John Ambulance who gave up their time to ensure the event was safe, as they tended to staff and student medical needs.



Secondary School Student Leadership Program

On Wednesday 19 May, Jennie Truong and Vivian Hoang had the opportunity to attend the 2021 Secondary School Student Leadership Program. Here is their recount of the event:

Together we travelled to the Parliament House and Government House. Visiting these two places was an amazing experience.

We met many members of the parliament and learnt about the roles they play to ensure NSW is safe and is headed to a bright future. The insightful advice of these leaders gave me a sense of pride and responsibility we have as young individuals, how we are the future and it is important we learn what we as leaders should do to help our community. Listening to the history of some of the members of Parliament was very inspirational considering some of their upbringings were relatable. It was very interesting to hear that the number of women in parliament are starting to rise and the numbers are nearly 50/50 if not 50/50 currently. With great pleasure, we got to meet Her Excellency Margaret Beazley, who shared her roles as the Governor. She was a lawyer before she stepped up for her position as Governor. Her castle was a beautiful building and it was delightful to be able to walk through the halls. Overall, this was an eye-opening experience and we now both have a greater understanding about our Parliament.

Vivian Hoang - School Captain & **Jennie Truong** - Vice Captain



Preparing our students for future success by driving strong educational outcomes in an inclusive school community



2021 Alpha's HOUSE Game

Kahoot for Real

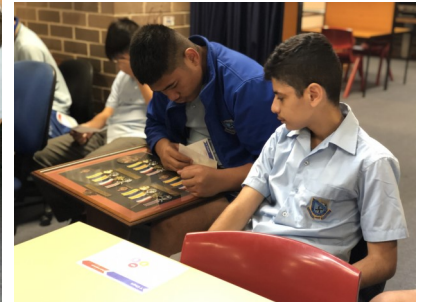
Alpha's HOUSE game put two teams head to head to answer questions revolving around pop culture. Players were given multiple choice questions and are required to confirm their answer by throwing Velcro ping pong balls at a board with the corresponding colours, like the game Kahoot. This game tested their quick thinking skills whilst having a lot of fun. Thank you Alpha Team!



Year 9 History - Classroom Feature

This year PBL came to the History faculty and it was an amazing experience for all involved. Our students drove their own learning and the teachers just directed them towards deeper engagement with the content. Some of the artefacts delivered by students were incredibly well thought out, and was a nice first step for the faculty.

Many thanks to all involved. President of the sub-branch of Fairfield RSL Paul 'Angus' Bryant delivered the Hook event, which gave the students a valuable insight into the role of the RSL and the men and women who served the country we call home.





Classroom Features

Year 10 Geography - Classroom Feature

Year 10 Geography students have been working on their Project Based Learning for Term 2. They have been collaborating as active citizens in groups to advocate for a disadvantaged group anywhere in the world.

Youth Action NSW was our Hook Event for this project. Their workshop helped our students understand the process in advocating for others.

Throughout the term, we have seen commitment and enjoyment from the Year 10 students working on their projects. They have been working very hard to finalise their support for their disadvantaged groups that they have chosen. As active citizens they have come up with a final pitch and product that they have created with their peers and have demonstrated their work at their Geography PBL exhibition.

We would like to congratulate Year 10 for their efforts made, and we are very proud of their work at their exhibition!



Encouraging our students to be creative thinkers



STEAM Workshop For Teachers

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Our brilliant STEAM teachers team learning to create Binary Bugs with the amazing STEAMpop team. They are inspiring life long learners!



Year 11 Drama Excursion

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Year 11 Drama has the pleasure of watching Frozen the Musical. An amazing experience for all!



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School Cross Country

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Our school Cross Country was held on Friday 30 April. Students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and determination to complete the course!

Congratulations to all the students who were successful in making it to the Zone Cross Country Carnival. This will be held Week 5, Friday 21 May.



Year 8 Mathematics PBL Hook Event

Mathematics PBL Hook Event

Our Year 8 Maths PBL had a great start with Kaine from Devine Network Solution sharing his expertise on data. Our Year 9 students shared their learning journey for an insight to a successful project!





Staying Motivated for the HSC

Getting your head right for the HSC

Our Year 12 students attended a session on ways to stay motivated for the HSC. It focused on the importance of character strengths, persistence, excellence, courage and discipline.



EduTech Australia

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We are excited to announce our Robotics partner, EduTech Australia. Watch this space for exciting news to come!





Year 8 STEAM Exhibition



The Block

Year 8 STEAM Elective Exhibition

THURS 3 JUN @ 1:30PM

CELEBRATING STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT



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ST JOHN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

TALENT QUEST 2021

FRIDAY JUNE 25

WHEN - BREAK 1 TO END OF PERIOD 2

WHERE - MPC

TICKETS - \$2

SOLD AT BREAK BY OUR YEAR 12 SRC MEMBERS

NO REFUNDS

LAST TICKETS SOLD FRIDAY JUNE 18

**COME AND SEE THE TALENT OUR SCHOOL HAS TO
OFFER**



Writing Competition

The Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW is having a Short Story Competition. Anyone who is interested in participating, please come to the Library to get your entry form

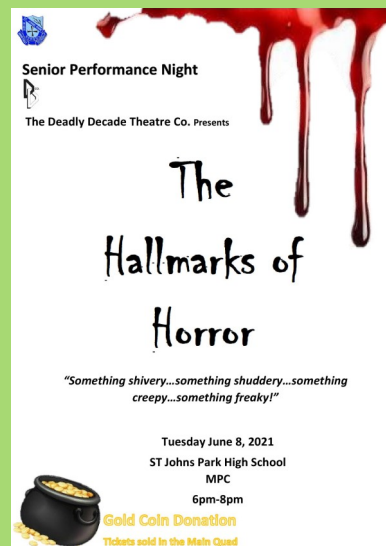
Chess Competition

Anyone who interested in competing in the chess competition, please come to the Library to sign up

Senior Drama Performance Night

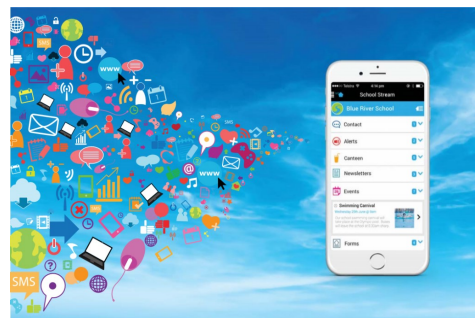
*Tuesday 8 June, 2021
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm*

Tickets are available for a gold coin donation



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