

Week 6 | Term 4 | 2023

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NEWSLETTER

As we draw to the end of the school year I am proud of the many achievements of our students. I would like to congratulate our Year 12 cohort of 2023, who have now finished their HSC examinations. The completion of high school is a significant milestone and we are very proud of their achievement. I would like to acknowledge and especially thank our Year 12 parents for their support, our dedicated teachers and our Year Advisors Ms Huzairan and Ms Gravante as well as the Year 12 Deputy Principal Mr Daoud. They have done a fabulous job over the past six years. They have all played a different but equally important role and they have all been phenomenal with their care and support.

Thank you to Ms Antoinette Gravante and all involved staff for successfully organising the Primary School Taster Lessons. Our student leaders made sure our visitors thoroughly enjoyed their time at our school. I would also like to recognise our 2024 School Captains and Vice Captains, who represented our school with pride at the Smithfield RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony. This is a testament to our incredible student leadership team and staff who ensure our students are engaged with our school community.

Thank you to our Year 11 students and their families for attending our HSC Information Evening. By working together I believe we can better support the academic and wellbeing needs of our students over the next twelve months. Deputy Principal Mr Daoud and Head Teacher Careers and Senior Pathways Ms Andrew presented a wide range of information and online services, with emphasis on the importance of consistency to sustain top performance.

Lastly, I look forward to celebrating our students' hard work and success this year with families at our Awards and Presentation Evening towards the end of the year.

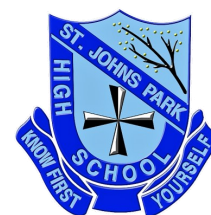


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Important Dates

- Wednesday 15 November - Year 12 Clearance
- Wednesday 15 November - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Friday 17 November - Year 10 Picnic Day
- Monday 20 November - EX-10-SION commences
- Tuesday 21 November - Transition Day
- Thursday 23 November - Years 7 & 8 Fun Run
- Tuesday 28 November - Year 7 2024 Orientation Day
- Tuesday 28 November - Year 7 Vaccinations
- Friday 1 December - Incentive Day
- Wednesday 6 December - Special Education Camp
- Tuesday 12 December - Presentation and Awards Evening
- Friday 15 December - Last day of school for students



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Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all students that the expectation is to wear FULL school uniform each day, and sport uniform only on the day that they have timetabled sport lessons. When students have PE, GAP, PASS or SLR practical lessons, students are required to bring a change of clothes in their bag. Please note that white runners are NOT part of our school uniform, and can only be worn on sport days.

Year 10 EX-10-SION

Year 10 students have now finalised their Yearly examinations and will celebrate the conclusion of junior schooling with our annual Picnic Day on Friday 17 November, 2023. Congratulations to our students and families for reaching this important milestone.

On Monday 20 November, our Year 10 students will commence our EX-10-SION program. This program is unique to our school and enables students to get a taste of their selected Year 11 subjects. They are also given the opportunity to consider their choices before commencing 'real' coursework in 2024. There will be an EX-10-SION meeting to explain the process of changing subjects and the expectations of students during the program.

As part of EX-10-SION, all Year 10 students will be participating in a Preparing for Senior Studies Session on Tuesday 5 December, 2023. This session gets Year 10 ready with the study skills and mindset techniques they will need for next year.

During EX-10-SION, students are expected to attend school each day, arrive on time and be in school uniform. Students can begin wearing their senior shirts during this period. Thank you to our EX-10-SION team for their organisation in making this invaluable program a great success.

World Teachers' Day 2023

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) leadership team created a banner and displayed it in the Main Quad for World Teachers' Day 2023. Thank you to all of our teachers for your dedication, hard work and persistence. We appreciate all you do!



School Counsellor and Psychologist Recognition Day

Friday 10 November marks the inaugural School Counsellor and Psychologist Recognition Day. Thank you to our School Counsellors and Psychologists for their dedication and unwavering work in supporting and bolstering learning, wellbeing and mental health outcomes within our school!

Welcome Year 7 2024

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 cohort to our school on Transition Day (Tuesday 21 November, 2023) and Orientation Day (Tuesday 28 November, 2023).



Dep. Principal
Ms Nicole Sullivan
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R/ Dep. Principal
Ms Donna Draper
(Tu, F)



R/ Dep. Principal
Mr Paul De Carli



Dep. Principal
Ms Renee Carniato
(W, Th)



R/ Dep. Principal
Ms Tina Mutschall
(M, Tu, F)



Dep. Principal
Mr Steven Daoud



School Achievements

ABCN Accelerate Scholarship Awards

Last term, six of our Year 10 students applied for the 2024 ABCN Accelerate Scholarship. Whilst unfortunately our students were not selected for a full three-year scholarship, we are delighted to inform share that two of our students are to receive a Highly Commended Award due to the quality of their applications.

The award entitles Benyamin Sada and Ruby Ha Phuong Phan to receive a certificate of recognition, an online mentoring session and \$500 to be spend to educational purposes. There were over 300 applicants for the Accelerate Scholarships which means that Benyamin and Ruby's selection as a Highly Commended recipient is a fantastic achievement that they should be very proud of.

Congratulations Benyamin and Ruby on their amazing achievement. Thank you to all staff involved for the organisation and endorsement of the students' application.



Pride of Workmanship Award

Congratulations to our very own PDHPE teacher, Ms Rebecca Smith who received the Pride of Workmanship Award from the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park.

The Pride of Workmanship Award is designed to acknowledge an employee, irrespective of age or vocation, who in the eyes of his or her employer displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach attitude, dedication and commitment to his or her job.



Congratulations to our hard working and dedicated students and staff

Southern Districts Football Association Schools Honour Roll

Congratulations to our Head Teacher of PDHPE Mr George Liapis, who was inducted into the Southern Districts Football Association (SDFA) Football in Schools Honour Roll. This is to acknowledge teachers who go above and beyond to help their students excel at the game. We are grateful for all you do to engage our students in football.

Mr Liapis has been a teacher at St Johns Park High School for 14 years, with 7 of them as Head Teacher of the PDHPE faculty. He is passionate about providing his students with opportunities to participate and excel in football. Whilst overseeing the comprehensive sports program at our school, he has coached boys and girls team in tournaments such as the Sydney South West Knockout and Regional and State Futsal Competitions. Many of these teams have progressed to the knockout stages and finals. He also engages local sporting groups such as Western Sydney Wanderers, Susak Football Academy and SDSFA to promote football within his school community.





Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Smithfield RLS Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our 2024 School Captains and Vice-Captains attended the Smithfield RSL's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest we forget.



Cabra-vale Diggers Remembrance Day Service

Our student leaders were invited to the Remembrance Day Commemoration Service at Cabra-vale Diggers. The service was led by a collective group of students from our local community.

Congratulations to our Public Relations Team members, who were especially invited to photograph the occasion.



Peace Day - Cabramatta High School

Our Year 12 Student Leadership Team were invited to attend Peace Day at Cabramatta High School. They had the opportunity to hear from the 2023 Sydney Peace Prize recipient, Nasanin Boniadi. Her speech reiterated the importance of peace and equality, not just in society, but also our school environment.

The many cultural performances were spectacular to witness. It was inspiring to see many students being connected to the cultural backgrounds. The event closed with the release of 100 white doves into the sky, which represented the new found views of peace, importance of unity and our mission to make our environment a better and safer place for everyone.





Introducing our School Captains

Introducing our School Captains for 2024

Hello, St Johns Park High School community.

My name is Nidhi Sharma and I have the honour of being one of your School Captains for 2024.

Throughout my years of high school, I've always had a passion for leading and helping others around me. I applied for the role of School Captain after my classmates approached me with a fundraising idea, except they did not have the resources to promote it. In this moment, I realised that leadership empowers people, and I wanted to be that person who helped my community do great things, because their ideas matter.

My leadership journey first began in Year 7 as I joined the HOUSE leadership team. Months later, I was appointed the responsibility of being a HOUSE Executive Captain and I have strived to achieve excellence in leadership ever since.

My main motivation is to be a leader who inspires and uplifts the community around me and be a leader who values the ideas my community upholds. As your School Captain, I plan to use the leadership experiences that I have gained through opportunities such as ABCN and the DOVES forum to appreciate our teachers, implement activities within our community that encourage student involvement and allow our students to look forward to exciting events such as sporting tournaments and fundraisers.

I am an ambitious visionary but when my schedule allows, I enjoy participating in team sports (specifically netball and unofficial basketball), fundraising marathons, traveling to the beach, eating at Thai restaurants and spending time with friends and family. My current subjects include:

- Advanced English
- Biology
- Standard Mathematics
- PDHPE
- Visual Arts
- Assistant in Nursing course through NSW Health

After Year 12, I plan to study a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Nursing, gain experience working and in the field of Emergency Medicine as well as Haematology Nursing, or continuing my studies to gain a Bachelor of Medical studies/Doctor of Medicine degree. I hope of one day becoming a boss and a leader in my chosen medical field through running my own ward as a Nurse Unit Manager (NUM).

I'm thrilled to be given this opportunity, and thank my teachers, community and my parents. I can't wait to be working with the 2024 Leadership team to do our best for the community!

Nidhi Sharma

School Captain 2024





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Hello everyone!

My name is Savvas Touma and I am glad to announce that I will be your School Captain for 2024.

Ever since I was in primary school, I always had this ambition in me to lead people. Being a leader provides you with many opportunities which I find important in my life, including meeting new people and building my self-confidence. I am one who loves to engage in unique activities and hobbies as I believe that the more you know, the more powerful you are.

As your School Captain, I have many motivations and goals. One of which is the urgency of student engagement within our school. I aspire to host activities of different sports/games throughout the year in order to increase excitement and enjoyment of students. Additionally, I will work tirelessly with the leadership teams to ensure that students' concerns are heard by staff, whether that be school work or even study schedules.

In my spare time, I have many hobbies. These include:

- Going to the gym
Ever since Year 7, I enjoy working on improving my body and fitness each day to ensure a more confident and healthier lifestyle.
- Reading
It's time to accept that reading is a powerful tool provided to us humans. Reading gives knowledge. Knowledge gives power.
- Studying
Even the School Captain has to spare time each day on studying to ensure a future of success in university and post-university.

When I leave school, I aim to establish a Bachelor of Law at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). I dream to own a law firm one day.

Overall, if you're interested in what I am currently studying at school, here it is:

- Mathematics Accelerated (Extension 1 + Advanced)
- English Advanced
- Legal Studies
- Chemistry
- Biology

Thank you to everyone who has been there for me leading to this moment in which I can be proud to say I am the school captain of SJPHS. I absolutely cannot wait for what comes next!

Savvas Touma

School Captain 2024





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Hello everyone!

My name is Rachana Oeng and I am proud to be one of your School Vice-Captains for 2024. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and thankful to everyone who helped me get here.

It's a given that school is much better when there are new and different activities to look forward to. So, one of my goals as your Vice-Captain is to create a fun environment and atmosphere around the school through fortnightly activities or celebrate big events such as Education Week. Everyone knows how important school and education is but it can be draining when times are hard or we are not having the greatest week. By making school a lighter and exciting environment, we can make it easier for everyone to be motivated to achieve their best.

I like to consider myself as a bit of a workaholic person, a trait I have inherited from my parents. I always keep my schedule extremely busy with school work, extracurricular activities and hobbies. My main priority for 2024 is to definitely improve and focus on my studies as this last year of high school can be very impactful on my future. My senior subjects include:

- English Advanced
- Mathematics Standard
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Visual Arts

As mentioned in my captaincy speech, I am also in my second year of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), a voluntary community where we focus on making Fairfield a better place for young people. Although my schedule is already packed with school work and extracurriculars, with proper time management, I do like to put aside time for myself each week in order to focus on my mental health and enjoy hobbies that can help me unwind from the busy week. Activities that help me achieve this include, shopping, reading, going to the gym and spending time with friends and family.

When I leave school I am determined to get either a Master of Clinical Psychology, Bachelor of Law and Psychology or a field of study in Science. It's easily agreeable that all three of these fields require high results and it is up to me to work hard throughout my final year to achieve that.

I once again thank you for providing me with this great opportunity to be one of your School Vice-Captains, and it is my pleasure to hopefully deliver the best outcome in improving our school life to the best of my abilities.

Rachana Oeng

School Vice-Captain 2024





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Hey everyone!

My name is Pete Vongsikeo and I am honoured to be the 2024 St Johns Park Vice-Captain.

This role means an incredible amount to me as it allows me to enact the wants and needs of the student body. This is something that I am passionate about because it improves the quality of life and wellbeing of our peers and students. My vision is to see a school environment where everybody is looking forward to the next day.

That being said, you may be wondering what we are working on. One big goal we have is to improve our school's sporting facilities and access to sports. These improvements include, but are not limited to outdoor volleyball courts, proper soccer goals and mini recreational sports tournaments. I believe these facilities are necessary to truly nurture and encourage students enjoy physical activities and try out new sports.

In my spare time, I have dabbled in a lot of things, but here are a few I really enjoy:

- Studying (enjoy isn't the right word to use here)
- Exercise (I like being able to improve my physical fitness)
- Gaming (no doubt this is extremely fun)
- Volleyball (no doubt this is extremely extremely fun)

At the moment I am studying:

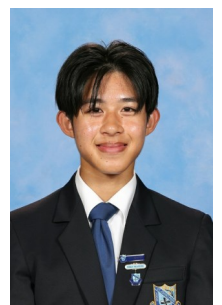
- Mathematics Extension 1
- English Advanced
- Physics
- Business Studies
- Engineering Studies
- Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies (SLR)

Unlike the rest of my fellow Captains, at this point in time I am unsure of my future. However, I plan to go to university and further my education. One thing I do have my mind set on is being happy and to fight the challenges in the boxing ring of life to the best of my abilities.

So to summarise, I am just a student looking forward to improving our school and what lies ahead in life. Thank you for choosing me as your Vice-Captain and I will work hard to fulfil your wants and needs in the upcoming year.

Pete Vongsikeo

School Vice-Captain 2024





Leadership by the Cowpasture

Leadership by the Cowpasture - Day 2

Our students were excited to inspire and shape the minds of our future student leaders. This day was a fun networking event involving different Western Sydney primary school students and staff, as well as special guests and Director of Educational Leadership, Marianne Siokos.





Leadership by the Cowpasture



Working with our school community to support and uplift students



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Gala Day 2023

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This year, the Lansdowne Zone, Year 7, Year 8 and Diverse Learners Gala Days were hosted by Prairiewood High School. Thank you to all students who attended, especially the Year 11 SLR 1 unit and Year 10 PASS and GAP Coaches, and of course our amazing teachers that braved the cold and then the heat.



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EPP Job Ready Workshop

Education Pathways Program - Job Ready Workshop

On Tuesday 7 November, we hosted an EPP workshop day to best support students from our Special Education Unit with a focus on career planning. The students actively participated in three sessions:

Session 1: Getting started on your career journey, looking at today jobs and future jobs, what to consider when exploring different work opportunities and focusing on their skills, qualifications and experience.

Session 2: Looking at Vocational Education Training (TAFE courses), ways to grow confidence in having conversations about finding work experience/a job and connecting your skills, qualifications and experience to jobs in the local area.

Session 3: Employers hosted focus group discussions, exploring employer expectations, interview techniques, how to bring the best version of yourself to work and staying curious, learning from setbacks and first steps in getting started. We had various employers, My Gateway (employs apprentices and trainees and place them with a host business to receive training in their chosen industry), NESA training and Apprenticeships (specialists in electrical and telecommunications) and two police officers who shared their day to day tasks whilst passing around a pair of handcuffs for the students to examine.

The students participated in Q&A sessions, team building tasks which were a lot of fun and they truly showed enthusiasm throughout the day.

Student feedback:

- "I learned lots about work"
- "Passion is important"
- "We all have different skills which allows us to find different jobs"
- "Teamwork is important"
- "We had lots of fun and learned many new things to help us in life"

Staff feedback:

- "An impressive group of young people who shone in every session and task"
- "students created a career bank which showed they were connected with the real world of work"
- "enthusiastic, keen, funny and engaged, a pleasure to lead this group"

Thank to R/Principal Mr Moisidis for visiting the library to see the workshops in progress. The students were also supported by HT Special Education Mr Khan, SLSO Ms Austin and HT Careers and Senior Pathways Ms Andrew. We would like to acknowledge Mr Nicholas Chambour and HT Careers EPP who supported and attended this invaluable day.





Student Leadership Camp 2023

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101 student leaders from the SRC, HOUSE & PR teams went on a camp to develop team work, leadership skills and make beautiful memories.

Thank you to our brilliant student leaders for presenting and leading sessions, teachers for supporting, nurturing and creating this amazing opportunity, parents for their support, and our wonderful student participants!



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Student Leadership Camp 2023



A safe and supportive environment for students to strive



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Primary School Taster Lessons 2023

Primary School Taster Lesson - Bonnyrigg Public School

We welcomed students from Bonnyrigg Public School into our Art and Food Technology lessons. We hope you enjoyed these engaging lessons. Thank you to our teachers and our student guides.



Providing students with an opportunity to achieve their best

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Primary School Taster Lessons 2023

Primary School Taster Lesson - Bonnyrigg Public School

We welcomed students from Governor Philip King Public School into our Art and PDHPE lessons. Students also had the opportunity to yarn in our Yarning Circle. Thank you to our teachers for providing engaging lessons and our student guides.



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STEAMSprenuer Seminar

STEAMSprenuer - Her Story

Students in Year 7-11 attended the inaugural STEAMSprenuer's "Inspire Seminar" run by EduTech Australia. They heard from a number of female leaders and entrepreneurs on awareness and participation of girls and women in STEAM education and careers.



*High standards to
drive strong student
outcomes*



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Youth Wellbeing Summit 2023

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Our student leaders attended the Youth Wellbeing Summit hosted by South West Connect. It was an fun filled day where students were able to listen to inspirational speakers - Jonny Shannon and Gianna from Happow. They were able to meet many of the organisations that support our community and engage in meaningful activities that support their wellbeing. Students learnt about resilience, grit and goal setting whilst networking with other students.



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MOTORISED BICYCLES

'E-Bikes'



Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.



There are only two types of **permitted e-bikes**:

- **Power-assisted pedal cycles**
- **Electric power-assisted cycles**

BUT they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They **cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor** and **cannot exceed 25km/h**.

Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind, NOT to be the primary source of propulsion.

Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions **cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.**

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$704.

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES



Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$704

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



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Elevate Basketball Training

Elevate Basketball are running basketball training programs, year-round in 2024. Please view below for the location and times of these training sessions.

For more information, visit their website at www.elevatebasketball.com.au.



elevate your game

LOCATIONS

MONDAYS Beginners 4.30pm Intermediate 5.30pm	MACQUARIE FIELDS Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Centre Macquarie Fields 2564
TUESDAYS Beginners 5pm & 6pm Intermediate 6pm	ORAN PARK Oran Park Anglican College Oran Park 2570
WEDNESDAYS Beginners 4.30pm & 5.30pm	LIVERPOOL Whitlam Leisure Centre Liverpool 2170
THURSDAYS Beginners 4.00pm Intermediate 5.00pm	EMERTON Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton NSW 2770
FRIDAYS Beginners 5pm High Performance 5pm	BULLI PCYC Bulli Bulli NSW 2516
SATURDAYS Beginners 9am High Performance 9am	ORAN PARK Oran Park Anglican College Oran Park 2570



Accepted here.

www.elevatebasketball.com.au



Greenfield Park Shopping Village turns 40!

Greenfield Park Shopping Village launched its 40th Birthday celebrations at the centre last month. I've attached photos of the community artwork display that includes the artwork from St Johns Park High School. Thank you to Garry, Paul, Alex and Carmel for your contributions.

Please speak to your child's Year Advisor if you require student assistance.

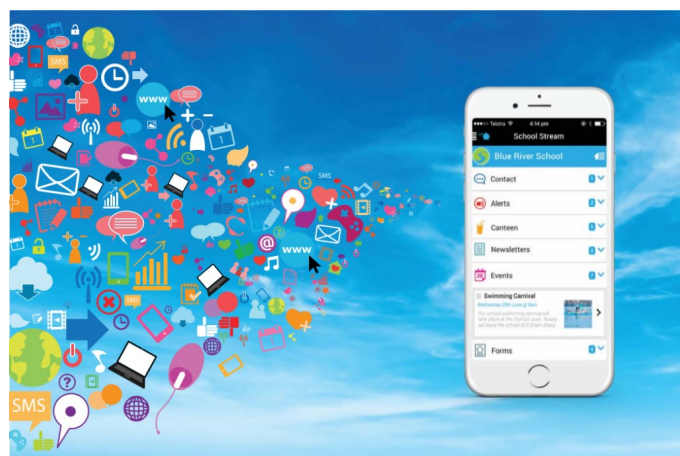


Year 9 Drama 'Wicked' Musical Excursion

Year 9 Drama students had the 'Wicked' opportunity to view "Wicked" the Musical at the Sydney Lyric Theatre as part of their course.



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