



# Our School Newsletter

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

## ISSUE 24

25 February – 8 March 2019

### Important Dates – Term 1 2019

W5	Mon – Thur 25 - 28 Feb	Elections for Year 11 SRC Reps (Cluster Leaders)
W5	Tues 26 Feb	School Council Meeting AGM 6pm, Front Office
W5	Thur 28 Feb	"Meet and Greet", First Australian students and community members 4:30 – 6:00 pm, School Common Room
W6	Tues 5 Mar	School Photos
W7	Tues 12 Mar	Period Zero Assembly for Year 12 – Talk from UAC
W9	Tues 26 Mar	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W10	Fri 5 Apr	Open Evening, 3 pm - 7 pm
W11	Fri 12 Apr	Last day of Term 1

### Principal's Report

Congratulations to our SRC who have raised over \$600 on Valentine's Day for the Heart Foundation and also found the time to spread a little love. ❤️

Thank you to the Class of 2018 and their families for joining us for the Academic Excellence Assembly last Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to celebrate and recognise student excellence. There is no other event on the St Marys Senior High School Calendar that demonstrates the exceptional academic achievements of our students than this assembly. It was an honour and a privilege for us all to be able to witness the exceptional achievements of these students from the

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**Heart  
Foundation**

## ***Principal's Report continued***

Class of 2018. I would like to acknowledge our special guests who joined us at this prestigious event: Ms Pru Car, Member for Londonderry; Councillor Tricia Hitchen, Deputy Mayor of Penrith Council OAM; Ms Lisa Porter, Relieving Director Educational Leadership, Cambridge Park Network; Ms Jennifer Young, President of the Zonta Club Penrith Valley; Ms Lynne Sepetauc, Member of the Zonta Club and Education Committee; Ms Jennifer Farrar, Member of the Zonta Club Penrith Valley; Mrs Meg Shepherd, wife of the late Bernie Shepherd, Principal of SMSHS 1989-2004; and, Mr Tony Le Breton, SMSHS School Council.



In our last issue I discussed the commencement of our Peer Mentor Program to support Year 12 students and the Mentor Program made available to Year 11. In this issue of our newsletter you will find information related to our tutorial program, which provides free tutoring to students as well as the timetable of teacher support available throughout the day in our Learning Centre. These are both great opportunities for students to consolidate their learning, build on their confidence and ensure that their understanding of subject specific concepts is at the level it should be.

### **How do I get involved with the school?**

Below is an extract from our last newsletter explaining how parents, carers and community members can be involved in the school:

St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. A School Council made up of parents, students, community members and staff make up the Council and meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Each representative group has a specific number of voting rights and are elected at the annual general meeting – the first meeting of the year. The AGM will take place on **Tuesday 26 February 2019** in the meeting room in the Administration Block at 6pm. If parents want to be involved in decision making related to our school and develop a better understanding of the school's operations this may be the path you choose to take. The parent representative group requires three voting members at each meeting that can be rotated. I encourage you to consider attending the first meeting to gain an insight into the School Council.

If you would like to attend the School Council meeting, please contact the school by Monday 25 February via the school email address [stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) (for catering purposes). At this meeting we will go over the Constitution, explaining each representative group on Council.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



## Swimming carnival 2019

With over 700 students in attendance on a cool February day, our swimming carnival for 2019 was absolutely fantastic! We would like to thank Jo Brines, Mitchell Baker, Charly Ebejer, Maree Phelps and Jesse Vassallo for all of their amazing work in organising and running the day – and we look forward to sharing the sensational results from the carnival with you in our next newsletter.



## Tutorial Program Timetable, Weeks A and B, Term 1 2019

TERM 1 2019					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.15am-8.15am <b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>	Chemistry – Year 11 <u>Ghaz Siddique</u> ER0021				Chemistry – Year 12 <u>Ghaz Siddique</u> ER0021
3.30pm-4.30pm <b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>		Maths All levels <u>Reuben De Rooy</u> AR1046	Biology <u>Jessica Rouse</u> ER0015 (Lab 5) <b>Engineering Studies</b> <u>Subhas Chand</u> BR1011	Physics <u>Waran Sabaratnam</u> ER0013	



# Learning Centre – Teacher Support Timetable, Term 1 2019

WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	ANDREW  COMMERCIAL  6B	JAN  HSIE  1A	JAN  HSIE  7B	MICHAEL  MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT  4A	ANIL  MATHS  8A
9:32 AM	ANDREW  COMMERCIAL  4A	CARMEL  ENGLISH/LAST  6A	WENDY  COMMERCIAL / RETAIL  5A	CHRIS  MATHS  1A	ROBYN  ENGLISH  2A
10:44 AM					
11:14 AM	DONNA  ENGLISH/DANCE  1B	ILA  SCIENCE  7A	LEE  COMMERCIAL  2A	DONNA  ENGLISH/DANCE  5A	   3A
12:26 PM	JESS  COMMERCIAL  5B	LEE  COMMERCIAL  3A	ANIL  MATHS  8A	CARMEL  ENGLISH/LAST  6A	   7A
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2:08 PM	CARMEL  ENGLISH/LAST  8B	ANDREW  COMMERCIAL  4B	ANDREW  COMMERCIAL  3B	JESS  COMMERCIAL  2B	Open to 2.08   8C
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WEEK B					
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## School photos for 2019


1. Our school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 5 March 2019** (Week 6B of this term).
2. Each student will sit for an individual portrait picture – with students in:
  - **Year 11** meeting in front of the MPC at the **start of Period 1** (8:20 am).
  - **Year 12** meeting in front of the MPC at the **start of Period 3** (11:14 am).
3. On arriving in front of the MPC:
  - Students have their belongings with them throughout the photo process.
  - Students line up in alphabetical order according to their surnames. Initially, they will assemble in letter groups – then we will work to ensure they are in alphabetical order in these groups.
4. Classes on the day:
  - All **Year 11 students** will remain out of class all of Period 1 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 2 will be sent back to class with a late note as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
  - All **Year 12 students** will remain out of class all of Period 3 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 4 will be sent back to class with a late note as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
5. Every student will pose for a picture which will then be compiled into a year group picture. *Even if a student chooses not to buy a picture, it is important that every student has a picture taken for our school and NESA records.*
6. On the day, the photo dress code involves each student wearing **a white school shirt with the school crest** – *we will provide spare shirts for students to borrow for the photo if they do not wear their school shirt on the day.*
7. Order forms are handed out:
  - To Year 11 students in Mentor, and
  - To Year 12 students in Personal Mentor.
8. Photos can be prepaid online via [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) or can be paid for on the day with **correct cash** or cheques (made out to *Advanced Photographers Pty Ltd*).
9. Students need to include the **correct code** for their Mentor/Personal Mentor class as their roll class on the order form – these codes are included on the following pages.
10. The name written on the order form should be **the student's legal/official name** – this name is used for a number of documents in the school and for the HSC, and it should be spelt correctly and written clearly.
11. If you have any questions, please contact our School Photo Coordinator, Luigi Serra in the Languages Staffroom.

<b>Year 11 Mentor Groups – Photo codes for 2019</b>	
<b><i>Mentor</i></b>	<b><i>Code</i></b>
Jessica Johnson	11MEN2A.JJO
Carla Rubelj	11MEN2B.CRU
Kim Sheldon	11MEN2C.KSH
Andrew Morris	11MEN3A.AMR
Helen Leis	11MEN3B.HLE
Rosemary Spears	11MEN3C. RSP
Tim Weston	11MEN3D.TWE
Dean Newbold	11MEN5A.DNE
Kim Sheldon	11MEN5B.KSH
Jan Jamieson	11MEN5C.JJA
Helen Leis	11MEN6A.HLE
Andrew Morris	11MEN6B.AMR
Paul Fante	11MEN6C.PFA
Chandra Mani	11MEN7A.CMA
Helen Leis	11MEN7B.HLE
Andrew Morris	11MEN7C.AMR
Fatima De Assis	11MEN8A.FDE
Kith Herath	11MEN8B.KHE
Arthur Andrews	11MEN8C.AAN
Andrew Morris	11MEN8D.AMR
Helen Leis	11MEN8E.HLE
Mitchel Baker	11MEN8F.MBA
Chris Cavill	11MEN8G.CCA
Lyn Tuckwell	11MEN9.LTU

## Year 12 Personal Mentor Groups – Photo codes for 2019

<i><b>Personal Mentor</b></i>	<i><b>Code</b></i>	<i><b>Personal Mentor</b></i>	<i><b>Code</b></i>
Arthur Andrews	12MEP99AAN	Benita Maby	12MEP99BMA
Robyn Ashworth	12MEP99RAS	Chandra Mani	12MEP99CMA
Peta Bailey	12MEP99PBA	Lee Mifsud	12MEP99LMI
Nicole Bonfield	12MEP99NBO	Andrew Morris	12MEP99AMO
Jo Brines	12MEP99JBO	Michael Nolan	12MEP99MNO
Kerri-Anne Brown	12MEP99KBR	Dean Newbold	12MEP99DNE
Chris Cavill	12MEP99CCA	Ila Perera	12MEP99IPE
Prithy Chaudhary	12MEP99PCH	Simone Pett	12MEP99SPE
Fatima De Assis	12MEP99FDE	Maree Phelps	12MEP99MPH
Reuben De Rooy	12MEP99RDE	Nicola Preston	12MEP99NPR
Latha Deo	12MEP99LDE	Lidija Radovancevic	12MEP99LRA
Charly Ebejer	12MEP99CEB	Linda Raymond	12MEP99LRY
Danielle Ervine	12MEP99DER	Salochna Reddy	12MEP99SRE
Paul Fante	12MEP99PFA	Deb Robinson	12MEP99DRO
Sharon Francis	12MEP99SFR	Julie Robinson	12MEP99JRO
Carmel Harriden	12MEP99CHA	Jessica Rouse	12MEP99JRS
Leah Havord	12MEP99LHA	Carla Rubelj	12MEP99CRU
Liz Hemmings	12MEP99LHE	Waran Sabaratnam	12MEP99WSA
Kith Herath	12MEP99KHE	Anna Sarlej	12MEP99ASA
Robyn Herbert	12MEP99RHE	Donna Sayah	12MEP99DSA
Jan Jamieson	12MEP99JJA	Luigi Serra	12MEP99LSE
Sarah Jeffery	12MEP99SJE	Anil Sharma	12MEP99ASH
Jess Johnson	12MEP99JJO	Kim Sheldon	12MEP99KSH
Rosa Kim	12MEP99RKI	Ghaz Siddique	12MEP99GSI
Dean Lane/Subhas Chand	12MEP99DLA	Sally Smithard	12MEP99SSM
Sharon Lang	12MEP99SLA	Rosemary Spears	12MEP99RSP
Rebecca Langham	12MEP99RLA	Matthew Topp	12MEP99MTO
Gillian Langlands	12MEP99GLA	Lyn Tuckwell	12MEP99LTU
Helen Leis	12MEP99HLE	Jesse Vassallo	12MEP99JVA
Angela Lievore	12MEP99ALI	Tim Weston	12MEP99TWE
Janette Littlejohn	12MEP99JLI	Ellen Worgan	12MEP99EWO
Andrew Mabey	12MEP99AMA		


PCYC has let us know about a program they are running for young people in the local area. They are keen for both young mentors as well as participants, and this could be a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop a whole range of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, including leadership and team work while giving back to our local community. We have included the flyer below for anyone who would like to follow up with PCYC directly.



Wednesdays  
7:00AM – 8:30AM  
12 - 17 YEARS

STARTING  
6<sup>th</sup> February  
2019


# **FITNESS BREAKFAST PROGRAM**



**FREE**

**PCYC**

**MT DRUITT**



**MT DRUITT PCYC 453A LUXFORD RD SHALVEY**

CONTACT: S/CST DAVID DI BLASIO 0490127593  
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# This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 25 Feb	Tuesday 26 Feb	Wednesday 27 Feb	Thursday 28 Feb	Friday 1 Mar
<b>WEEK A</b> Cluster Elections for Year 11 2019	Cluster Elections for Year 11 2019  Werrington Zone Basketball Gala Day  In Concert Excursion – Year 11 and 12 Music students  School Council Meeting – AGM 6:00 pm	Cluster Elections for Year 11 2019  Year 12 IT Multimedia – Presentation due	Cluster Elections for Year 11 2019  Meet and Greet, First Australian students, parents, families and community 4:30 – 6:00 pm	Cluster Elections for Year 11 2019
Monday 4 Mar	Tuesday 5 Mar	Wednesday 6 Mar	Thursday 7 Mar	Friday 8 Mar
<b>WEEK B</b> Year 12 Studies of Religion I – Task due	School photos  Year 12 Drama – Task due  Year 12 Studies of Religion I – Task due	Year 11 Investigating Science Penrith Lakes Field Trip  Year 12 Studies of Religion I – Task due	Year 12 Drama – Task due  Year 12 Studies of Religion I – Task due	Women In Science Symposium/Excursion  Year 12 Studies of Religion I – Task due

## Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12 - Rel)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies (Rel)	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE (Rel)	Rebecca Langham
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE (Rel)	Angela Lievore
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services (Rel)	Peta Bailey
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Rosa Kim
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Lyn Tuckwell
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Andrew Mabey
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Nicola Preston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne
Careers Adviser:	Lyn Tuckwell

## Contact us



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