Our School Newsletter

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

ISSUE 23

February 11 – 22 2019

Important Dates – Term 1 2019

W3	Thur 14 Feb	Valentine's Day Assembly
W4	Tues 19 Feb	Academic Assembly
W4	Fri 22 Feb	School Swimming Carnival
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*
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

Many thanks to all of our staff, students and parents for helping to get the new school year off to a very positive start. For us, we have had many comments from students and staff as well as phone calls from community members regarding the smooth start to the year. Of particular note was our new initiative this year, the very successful informal meet and greet with Year 11 parents and students - Breakfast on the Lawn, part of our Orientation Week activities.

In Week 2, Year 12 commenced their sessions with their Personal Mentors. This is an additional layer of support provided to assist students in their final year of formal schooling. The connections made in Personal Mentor have been highly valued by past students, as stated in their exit surveys. I hope all of our Year 12 students take full advantage of this opportunity.

How do I get involved with the school? On the following page is an extract from our last newsletter, explaining how parents and family members can be involved in our school:

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Principal's Report continued

"St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. A School Council, made up of parents, students, community members and staff meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Each representative group has a specific number of voting rights and representatives are elected at the annual general meeting held as the first meeting of the year. This year's 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, and voting rights can be rotated between parent representatives. 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 via the school email address stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au **by Friday 22 February**, to ensure that we are able to cater the event appropriately. At this meeting we will go over the Constitution, explaining each representative group on Council.

We have met with the local highway patrol following concerns raised by the police in regards to some traffic offences they have seen during school drop off and pick up. The police raised particular concerns around failing to stop at a stop sign. In a school zone this offence provides for a penalty of $448 and 4 demerit points, which for P1 drivers results in a loss of their licence. Concerns have also been raised with the number of students being dropped off on Kalang Avenue, with drivers double parking and/or using the staff car park inappropriately. The police will continue to monitor this to help ensure safety concerns in our area are effectively addressed.

Sally Smithard

Principal

Changed bell times over the next fortnight

Valentine's Day - Thursday 14 February 2019

Period 1	8.20 – 9.20
Period 2	9.20 – 10.20
Valentine's Assembly	**10.20 – 11.20**
Recess	11.20 – 11.50
Period 3	11.50 – 12.50
Period 4	12.50 -1.50
Lunch	1.50 – 2.20
Period 5	2.20 - 3.20

Academic Assembly 2019 - Tuesday 19 February 2019
To celebrate the HSC achievements of Year 12 2018

Period 1	8.20 am – 9.05 am
Excellence Assembly	**9.05 am – 10.45 am**
Recess	10.45 am – 11.15 am
Period 2	11.15 am – 12.05 pm
Period 3	12.05 pm – 12.55 pm
Period 4	12.55 pm – 1.50 pm
Lunch	1.50 pm – 2.20 pm
Period 5	2.20 pm – 3.20 pm

Period Zero Bell Times
Thursday 21 February 2019

Period 0 ***Year 12 Biology Task in MPC***	8.20 – 9.30 am
Period 1	9.30 am – 10.30 am
Period 2	10.30 am – 11.30 am
Recess	11.30 am – 12.00 pm
Period 3	12.00 pm – 12.55 pm
Period 4	12.55 pm – 1.50 pm
Lunch	1.50 pm – 2.20 pm
Period 5	2.20 pm – 3.20 pm

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Valentine's Day

Thursday, 14 February

Want to perform?

Submit your audition video to: smshsgdrive@gmail.com

Buy roses for friends or
a special someone!

SMSHS Swimming Carnival 2019

22nd Feb - Friday Week 4
8:20am - 12:26pm

Cost: $5 to the front office by the 20th

Meet at Ripples (across the road from school)

** Student drivers are reminded to park at school and walk across the road, as the Council parking at the pool is time limited.**

This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 11 Feb	Tuesday 12 Feb	Wednesday 13 Feb	Thursday 14 Feb	Friday 15 Feb
WEEK A **Werrington Zone Volleyball Gala Day** **Year 12 Earth & Environmental Science** – Depth Study task due **Year 12 English Ext 2** – Viva Voce due	**ICONIC Music Evening #1** **Year 12 Music** – Task due **Year 12 PDHPE** – Topic test in MPC	**ICONIC Music Evening #2** **Year 12 Music** – Task due	**CallBack – Year 12 Dance Excursion** **Valentine's Day Assembly** **Year 12 Software Design and Development** – Task due **Year 12 Textiles** – Major project proposal presentation due	**OnStage – Year 12 Drama Excursion**
Monday 18 Feb	**Tuesday 19 Feb**	**Wednesday 20 Feb**	**Thursday 21 Feb**	**Friday 22 Feb**
WEEK B **Year 12 Science Ext** – Literature review due	**Academic Assembly for the HSC Class of 2018**	**Year 12 Design and Technology** – Innovation case study due	**PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES** **Year 12 Biology** – Heredity topic test	**Swimming Carnival @ Ripples St Marys – *whole school in attendance at the pool***

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

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