

Our School Newsletter



Mente manaque - With mind and hand

Principal: Sally Smithard
School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan
School Council President: Ross Abbott

TERM 1 WEEKS 1 AND 2

29 January – 7 February 2020

Important Dates – Term 1 2020

W1	Wed 29 Jan	First day Year 11 2020
W1	Thurs 30 Jan	First day Year 12 2020
W1	Fri 31 Jan	Student Clubs Pop Up Display
W2	Fri 7 Feb	School Swimming Carnival <i>Ripples, St Marys</i>
W3	Fri 14 Feb	Valentine's Day Assembly
W4	Tues 18 Feb	Academic Excellence Assembly
W5	Tues 25 Feb	School Council Meeting – AGM <i>Front office, 6pm</i>
W6	Tues 3 Mar	School photos
W6	Wed 4 Mar	Year 11 2020 Elevate Presentation
W7	Wed 11 Mar	Year 11 2020 Parent Information Evening
W10	Fri 3 Apr	Open Evening, Year 11 2021 <i>3 pm – 7 pm</i>
W11	Thur 9 Apr	Last day of Term 1



Principal's Report

Welcome back to the St Marys Senior High School Community for 2020. Welcome to our students, their families, staff, community supporters and our educational partners who all contribute to provide broad opportunities to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our students.

We hope you enjoyed the break over the summer and have recharged ready for a busy and rewarding year. Although for many, this summer holiday has been an anxious time with the horrific scenes from bushfires across our country being ever present. As a school community we are grateful to all emergency services for their tireless work to keep us all safe. Our condolences to those who have lost their lives as a result of these fires, those that have lost their homes, other property, pets and livestock; and the immense toll this fire season has taken on our unique wildlife. If any of our students have been affected can you please let us know by making contact with your Mentor, Student Adviser or Deputy Principal so that we can provide some support at school to assist you and your family. As a community, there are lots of opportunities to provide support to those affected. Below is a link to a project established at Ulladulla High School to support

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Principal's Report continued

their school community in the short and long term. At Ulladulla High School thirteen families have lost their homes, with numerous homes so damaged families cannot return to them. One teacher lost his home and many of their students have been evacuated, still unable to go home. The school community wants to create a Hope and Renewal Sanctuary for their students and community. They have lots of little and big broken hearts. The link is a Tax Deductible Renewal Project set up with the support of Schools Plus <https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/reviving-our-fire-devastated-community/>

Congratulations to the class of 2019 who have now received their HSC results, ATARS and university offers. In week 4 of this term (Tuesday 18 February) we will celebrate our highest achieving students with our Academic Excellence Assembly. Our Annual School Report, which is published at the end of the term will provide a detailed analysis of the Higher School Certificate results.

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 25 February 2020** 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 21 February**, to ensure that we are able to cater the event appropriately.

It is important that you regularly visit our school website, Facebook and Twitter and ensure you have downloaded Skoolbag, the school app. These all contain lots of information, updated calendar details and access to resources from both the school and the Department. When you put all of that together, plus our regular emails, we could never be accused of not trying to communicate with you! Keep in mind, though that it is a two way street – you have obligations too to keep up to date and to keep us informed of any issues affecting your child.

For parents new to our school, we produce this newsletter every fortnight. I encourage you to read the newsletter closely as it contains a lot of information about the school, upcoming events and whether there are any Period 0's over the fortnight.

To our new Year 11 students, welcome! We hope you enjoy O Week and transition to St Marys smoothly. If you have any questions or are unsure about anything there are plenty of people to ask. A list of the executive is included in this newsletter should you have questions. Consider running for the Student Representative Council in Week 5 – it is an important part of our school to ensure that student voice remains integral to St Marys life. Diversity amongst the SRC is important to ensure all students are represented.

To our Year 12 students – 150 days! This is the number of days of school that you have left before you finish your formal schooling and embark upon your Higher School Certificate Examinations. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your families in 2020 to not only successfully complete Year 12 but to contribute to ensuring your life after school sees you thrive both professionally and personally.

It is an absolute privilege to be the Principal of St Marys Senior High School and to be able to work with an amazing group of students and incredibly committed staff.

Sally Smithard

Principal



Our Year 12 SRC Representatives for 2020



Back row: Jay Patel (Cluster 7), Jaden Diaz (Cluster 2), Jed Garcia (School Captain, Cluster 7), Souad Khan (School Captain, Cluster 8), Melgene Sugpatan (Cluster 8), Sajida Al-Rashid (Cluster 8), Mikael Falculan (School Vice Captain, Cluster 8), Maddison Law (Cluster 6), Jordan Alfar (Cluster 7), Lowrence Maring (Cluster 8), Chloe Appleby (School Vice Captain, Cluster 6), Tom Tyrrell (Cluster 9)

Front row: Youhanna Youwakem (Cluster 5), Emma Cutts (Cluster 3), Shreya Maharaj (Cluster 6), Farah Youwakem (Cluster 5), Lexi Barcelon (Cluster 3), Christelle Salimbangon (Cluster 2), Angelo Audish (Cluster 8)

Organisation for SMSHS Orientation Week 2020

Tuesday 28 January 2020

Staff development day – *no students attending and our office is closed*

Wednesday 29 January 2020

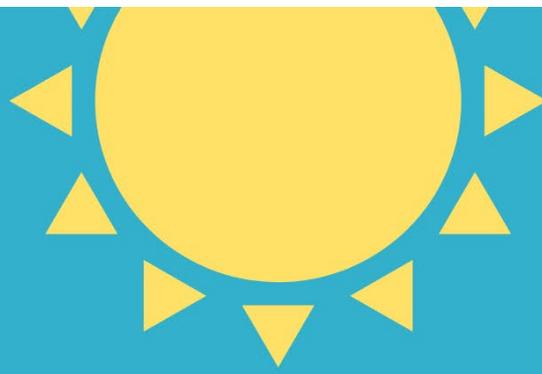
	<i>Period</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
First day for Year 11 2020	"Brekky on the Lawn"	8:20 am	9:00 am
	Assembly	9:00 am	10:20 am
Selected Student Mentors from Year 12 2020 to attend 8:00 am – 12:50 pm	Cluster meeting	10:20 am	10:50 am
	Recess	10:50 am	11:20 am
<i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i>	Mentor class	11:20 am	12:50 pm
	Assembly	12:50 pm	1:30 pm
	Lunch	1:30 pm	2:00 pm
	Orientation session 1	2:00 pm	2:40 pm
	Orientation session 2	2:40 pm	3:20 pm

Thursday 30 January 2020

	<i>Period</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
First day for Year 12 2020, starting with an assembly in the MPC	Assembly, Year 12 2020	8:20 am	9:30 am
	Orientation sessions 3 and 4, Year 11 2020		
Orientation sessions 3 and 4 take place for Year 11 2020 during the assembly for Year 12	Period 1	9:30 am	10:30 am
	Period 2	10:30 am	11:30 am
Normal timetabled classes take place Periods 1-5 for Year 11 and Year 12 2020	Recess	11:30 am	12:00 pm
	Period 3	12:00 pm	12:55 pm
<i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:20 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i>	Period 4	12:55 pm	1:50 pm
	Lunch	1:50 pm	2:20 pm
	Period 5	2:20 pm	3:20 pm

Friday 31 January 2020

	<i>Period</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
Normal timetabled classes take place Periods 1-5 for Year 11 and Year 12 2020	Period 1	8:20 am	9:25 am
	Period 2	9:25 am	10:30 am
Extended recess for Student Clubs Pop Up Stalls Display	Recess	10:30 am	11:30 am
	Period 3	11:30 am	12:35 pm
<i>Our office is open 8:00 am – 3:00 pm and we accept payments 8:00 am – 2:00 pm</i>	Period 4	12:35 pm	1:38 pm
	Lunch	1:38 pm	2:08 pm
	Period 5	2:08 pm	3:20 pm



SMSHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 7 February 2020

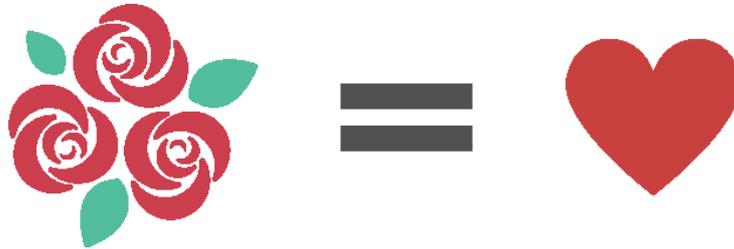
8:20 am - 12:26 pm

Year 12 - Notes and \$5 to the front office
by Wed 5 Feb

Year 11 - Notes to the front office
by Wed 5 Feb

We meet at Ripples St Marys
(across the road from the school)

Student drivers should park in the school car park as
Council parking near the pool is time limited



ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

ROSE SALES

PRICES OF CHOCOLATES:
\$3.00 (WITH A ROSE)
\$4.00 (WITHOUT A ROSE)

PRICES OF ROSES:
\$5.00 (PICKUP)
\$7.00 (DELIVERY)
\$10.00 (ASSEMBLY)

From 10th - 12th February bought at School
Office

FURTHER ORDERING INFORMATION COMING SOON

St Marys Senior High School
presents

VALENTINE'S DAY ASSEMBLY

BEST CHANCE TO SHOWCASE YOUR
AMAZING PERFORMANCES

Background Track & Audition
submitted to
smsgdrive@gmail.com

**AUDITIONS DUE 7TH OF
FEBRUARY**

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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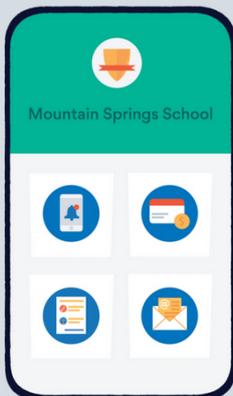
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This week @ SMSHS

Monday 27 Jan	Tuesday 28 Jan	Wednesday 29 Jan	Thursday 30 Jan	Friday 31 Jan
WEEK A Public holiday	Staff Development Day - No students in attendance - The school office is closed	First Day Year 11 2020	First Day Year 12 2020	Student Clubs Pop Up Displays, Recess
Monday 3 Feb	Tuesday 4 Feb	Wednesday 5 Feb	Thursday 6 Feb	Friday 7 Feb
WEEK B	Year 12 Society and Culture – Task due		PERIOD 0 BELL TIMES Year 12 PDHPE – Period 0 Task, MPC Year 12 SDD – Task due	School Swimming Carnival, Ripples St Marys Korean Cultural Day

Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE (Rel)	Rebecca Langham
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE	Rebecca Powell
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager	Steven Mulligan
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Mitchell Baker
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lynette Tuckwell
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden
	Dianne Pyne
	Nicole Leong
	Carly McPherson
	Ashlee Pleffer
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

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