



ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 2 WEEKS 7 AND 8

6 - 17 June 2022

Important Dates – Term 2 2022

W7	Mon 6 Jun	School Athletics Carnival
W8	Mon 13 Jun	Public holiday
W9	Tue 21 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for Year 11 , 4pm – 8.30 pm <i>See details in this newsletter</i>
W9	Fri 24 Jun	Year 12 2022 – Careers Market Year 11 2022 – Seminar Day #1
W10	Tue 28 Jun	School Council Meeting Starting at 6:00 pm, via ZOOM
W10	Fri 1 Jul	Last day of classes Term 2 2022

Principal's Report

I hope this newsletter finds our families safe and well.

We have just completed the first of our Student, Parent, Teacher Evenings for 2022, connecting with our Year 12 students and their families. This was conducted remotely based on feedback in 2020 and 2021 which indicated that it was more convenient to make contact via Zoom or phone given that so many of our families do not live in the local area. Other feedback that guided our decision making was that families were still able to transport other children to after school commitments, both parents could participate in the interview, and interviews ran on time. In Week 9 our second evening for the year will run for Year 11 families and following this, Matthew and Luigi will seek feedback from our families to help guide our organisation for 2023. I encourage all families to respond to the survey when it is emailed out to them.

COVID-19 is still very present in our community and this year it has been accompanied by a very unpleasant influenza strain. At the end of last week our relieving School Administration Manager, Lynn Deuis

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Principal's Report continued

emailed families about collecting another bundle of rapid antigen tests to use as needed. These tests can be collected at any time during school hours from the front office. I also want to advise families that the COVID testing venue off the Great Western Highway at Werrington now also conducts influenza testing at the same time as they test for COVID.

Year 12 students have been emailed details about the Jim Anderson Scholarship which provides a great opportunity for students who undertake fulltime study at either Western Sydney University or a TAFE NSW college. This is a substantial scholarship of \$5 000 and I encourage all Year 12 students to consider this opportunity. Please keep an eye out for other scholarship opportunities that are publicised by our Careers Adviser as well as our school based scholarships that are released later in the year.

Penrith City Council has written to me following a concern raised by one of the neighbours on Kalang Avenue regarding illegal parking and unsafe driving during school zone times. The Council have advised that their Rangers and officers from Nepean Police Local Area Command have been asked to undertake additional patrols within the school zone times as a deterrent of illegal and unsafe driving behaviours. Penrith City Council has asked that I remind motorists in our community of the following:

- U-Turns are discouraged near the school. The amount of traffic in the vicinity of the school means that U-turn manoeuvres are unsafe and block traffic flow. Please do not undertake a U-turn within the school zone.
- Park your vehicle safely and legally even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs, including 'No Parking', 'No Stopping' and 'Bus Zone' signs – they are planned with student safety in mind.
- Drivers are reminded not to park their vehicles in a manner that may block or obstruct driveways.

Enrolment Year 11 2023 and Year 12 2023

Please visit our website for detailed information and to download an Expression of Interest form - <https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment-old.html> Alternatively, contact our school on 02 9623 8333 and ask to speak to our Enrolment Secretary.

Enrolment timeframes for Year 11 2023:

- Expression of Interest forms for local and non-local enrolments – are available on our school website and are due by 4.30 pm on Friday 22 July 2022. Any questions can be directed to our Enrolment Secretary on 02 9623 8333.



- To facilitate working families submitting their applications, our Administration Office will be open from 7.00 am through to 5.30 pm in the first week of Term 3 2022 (18 July – 22 July 2022).
- Enrolment Committee – meets August 2022.
- Successful applicants will be notified mid Term 3 2022.

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- Successful applicants will be notified in early September 2022.

Finally, please keep an eye out on our social media pages to ensure you are kept up to date with events that are taking place at our school. Each week we publish tiles detailing the key events taking place and any changes in our bell times. We also find time to celebrate our achievements within the classroom and through extracurricular activities.

Sally Smithard

Principal



From our Reconciliation Week activities, 1 June 2022



IMPORTANT INFORMATION | SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Thank you for your continued trust and support in permitting us to be a part of your community each year in providing your school photographs.

I know many families and businesses have been affected by so many obstacles in recent months and unfortunately we too have been met by obstacles this year that will undoubtedly result in delays to the expected delivery of school photography packages you may have ordered.

These include:

1. Ongoing Covid-19 cases within schools resulting in over 200 school bookings having to be rescheduled
These include many main days of photography and many additional catch up days
3. Recent extreme weather has also impacted completion of photography
4. Ongoing Covid-19 cases within our own team
5. Ongoing absenteeism within our team caused by close contact regulations
6. A shortage of available extra staff in Australia to buffer illness and isolating staff
7. The extension of ordering dates to give families the longest opportunity to place orders
8. Ongoing delivery delays by Courier services also facing similar issues

We will continue to communicate with the school and will have your completed packages delivered at earliest opportunity.

We are also developing a range of products and technologies that will ensure improvement under these ongoing circumstances and look forward to sharing them with the school and community later in the year.

In the meanwhile you have our sincerest apologies and utmost appreciation for your patience and understanding.

Thank you and kind regards,



Jason Isherwood
Managing Director

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found at
www.advancedlife.com.au
or contact us via
www.advancedlife.com.au/ContactUs



Sports Report

Boys Basketball

Last week the Boys Basketball Team and a bus full of their supporters headed to Wollongong. We were playing Figtree High School in the Final 16 Round of the NSW CHS Knockout Basketball Competition. The players came out firing and led the first half 41 – 21. Figtree High then fought back in the third quarter to be within one point. However, our team dug deep and came away with the win, the final result being 86 – 61. A huge congratulations to all of the players and a big thank you to the team coach, Adam Bernthaler who travelled to support the team when he was on leave from school.

The team have now qualified for the carnival which includes the final eight teams in NSW. This competition will be held at Castle Hill in mid June. We wish them the best of luck in the tournament!



Gymnastics

Congratulations to Jasmine Footit and Alysse Duffy who recently competed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships.

Jasmine won gold on the Vault and silver on the Floor as well as in the Team Competition event in her age group.

Alysse won gold in the Under 22's Individual Tumbling event and gold in the Team Tumbling event.

What fantastic achievements by both girls!



Joanne Brines
Sports Coordinator



Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews are coming up soon.

Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher interviews will take place **on Wednesday 22 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm**. As part of our feedback on the previous year's interviews and to optimize the safe operation of the evenings, teachers will undertake interviews via phone or Zoom, depending on teacher preferences.

Bookings will be in 15 minute blocks which will give teachers time to have a 10 minute conversation with parents, caregivers and students, while also allowing for technical issues, dropouts or call failures.

Teachers will contact parents and caregivers by phone or Zoom teleconferencing to conduct interviews. Teachers will indicate which platform they will be using to students before the evening.

Teachers will call parents and carers on the phone number that we have on file, which parents and carers provided when students enrolled in the school. If you have changed your phone number since then, students can come to the office to collect a change of contact details form, or parents and carers can email their new contact details to the school email address, stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au . If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au .

Teachers who are using Zoom for interviews will provide the link needed to students prior to the interviews.

The window for booking Year 11 interviews will be open from 9am on Monday 13 June until 12pm on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

A short "how to" regarding booking interviews can be found on the following pages.

Luigi Serra and Matthew Topp

Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinators



How to book interview times with teachers

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://smshs.sentral.com.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings will open **at 9am on Monday 13 June for Year 11**. After that time, click on the yellow banner to open the PTI booking page.
3. The next window shows all classes in which a student is enrolled. Parents and carers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

Parent Interview Bookings - Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018

Welcome to the Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews 2018 bookings screen.

From here, you can easily book a date and a time to see a specific teacher for each of your children. This process is quite straight forward. Simply follow the steps below to confirm your bookings.

1. Click on the **Select Timeslot** button that is placed next to the teacher you'd like to meet with.
2. Select a **timeslot** from the timeslots that are available for that teacher. The selected booking timeslot will now be **reserved** for you until you finalise this process.
3. Complete steps #1 and #2 until you have selected an appropriate interview time for all of the teachers you'd like to see.
4. If there are no suitable timeslots available, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the blue **"Request interview with teacher"** button.
5. If there are a number of teachers you don't feel the need to see, click on the Select Timeslots button and then click on the red **"Click if interview not required"** button.
6. Once you have made a selection for all of the classes shown below, you **MUST** click on the **Confirm Appointments** button.
7. The reserved bookings you selected will now be **confirmed**.

Please note: You have a **10 minute inactivity session timeout** whilst selecting the bookings for your children. This means that if you leave your computer for more than 10 minutes, any reserved bookings will be released and other parents can choose them. It is important that you complete this process in one go. If you do run into any issues, please contact the school directly.

Student Name here

Subject	Class	Teacher	Appointment Time
2U Agriculture Yr12	12AGR1	Mr [Name]	5:00pm
4U Retail/Services Yr12	12CRSV3/8	Miss [Name]	5:10pm
2U English Standard Yr12	12ENSA4	Miss [Name]	5:20pm
2U Legal Studies Yr12	12LES3A	Miss [Name]	5:30pm
2U Biology Yr12	12SCB6A	Ms [Name]	5:40pm
2U Earth and Environmental Science Yr12	12SCE7	Ms [Name]	5:50pm
	11LAST2	Ms [Name]	6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

Times that are greyed out are unavailable for a parent and carer, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

Parents and carers can choose not required if they so desire.

Once all times have been selected, click on "Confirm Appointments", which should lock in your times.

Timeslots Not required

05/06/2018 Tue

4:00pm	4:10pm	4:20pm	4:30pm	4:40pm
4:50pm	5:00pm	5:10pm	5:20pm	5:30pm
5:40pm	5:50pm	6:00pm	6:10pm	6:20pm
6:30pm	6:40pm	6:50pm	7:00pm	7:10pm
7:20pm	7:30pm	7:40pm	7:50pm	

Request interview with teacher

Appointment Time

Not Attending

5:10pm

5:20pm

5:30pm

5:40pm

5:50pm

6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

5. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.





Join us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and heritage

- Cultural performances
- Market stalls
- Workshops
- BBQ lunch ... and more

Thursday 7 July 2022
10am to 4pm
Jamison Park,
South Penrith

PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

penrith.city/events



SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT



School phone: 02 9623 8333	School email: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 12 2022 Student Adviser, Surnames A-G	Wendi Kambolli	wendi.kambolli@det.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 2022 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Nicole Leong	nicole.leong2@det.nsw.edu.au
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Year 11 2022 Student Adviser, Surnames P-Z	Ellen Worgan	ellen.worgan2@det.nsw.edu.au
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School Counsellors	Tracey Axisa Ximia Han	Please text the counsellor phone on 0417228192 during school hours to organise an appointment
Student Support Officer	Surmeet Kaur	surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 12 2022	Danielle Ervine	danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au
Deputy Principal Year 11 2022	Leah Havord	leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au



Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8 2022 @ SMSHS

Monday 6 Jun	Tuesday 7 Jun	Wednesday 8 Jun	Thursday 9 Jun	Friday 10 Jun
<p>School Athletics Carnival</p>	<p>Period Zero Bell Times</p> <p>Year 11 Maths Advanced and Standard – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 Society and Culture – Asst 2 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Design and Technology – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Entertainment – Cluster F due</p> <p>Year 12 IT Multimedia – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 SDD – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Economics – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Oz Tag Gala Day – Boys and Girls</p> <p>Music Concert @ Lunch</p>	<p>Period Zero Bell Times</p> <p>Year 12 Biology – Asst 3 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Ancient History – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Business Studies – Asst 3 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Business Services, 4 Unit – Cluster D due</p> <p>Touch Gala Day</p>
Monday 13 Jun	Tuesday 14 Jun	Wednesday 15 Jun	Thursday 16 Jun	Friday 17 Jun
<p>Queen's Birthday Long Weekend</p>	<p>Period Zero Bell Times</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Advanced – Asst 3 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Food Technology – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 IPT – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Engineering Studies – Asst 2 due</p> <p>Year 11 Visual Arts – Asst 1 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Economics – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Geography – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Investigating Science – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Macquarie University – Pathways to University Workshops</p> <p>Music Concert @ Lunch</p>	<p>Period Zero Bell Times</p> <p>Year 12 Maths Standard – Asst 3 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 11 Physics – Asst 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Investigating Science – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 11 Agriculture – Asst 2 due</p>	<p>Year 12 Drama – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Investigating Science – Asst 3 due</p> <p>Year 12 Engineering Studies – Asst 3 due</p>



Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Jade D'Souza Joanna Simeon
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Andrew Mabey
- Commercial Studies	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Shara Walsh
- CAPA	Nicole Bonfield
- TAS / Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- PDHPE (Rel)	Joanne Brines
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Lynette Deuis
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Nicole Leong
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Francis
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Sharon Francis
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Nicola Preston
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Ellen Worgan
Learning Support:	Margo Daly Carmel Harriden Nicole Leong Carly McPherson
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryll Ruskin

Contact Us



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St Marys Senior High School Official Site -
Facebook



St Marys Senior High School -
Skoolbag App

Not feeling well?



Students:

- Be sure to stay at home - and focus on feeling better!
- Your parents and carers can contact the school to explain your absence.
- If you have an assessment task to do at school, be sure to fill out your illness and misadventure application on the Google Form - and send through your supporting evidence.

