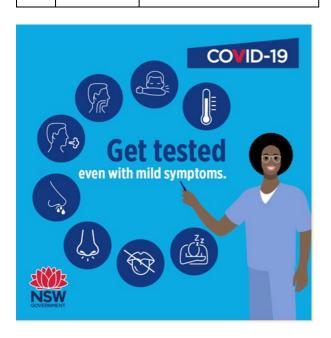


# TERM 3 WEEKS 9 AND 10 12 – 23 September 2022 Important Dates – Term 3 2022 W9 Tue 13 Sep Heritage Day 2022 W10 Mon 19 Sep School Captain 2023 Elections W10 Tue 20 Sep HSC Major Works Assembly W10 Fri 23 Sep Year 12 2022 - Graduation Year 11 2022 - Seminar Day #2



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

By the time you receive this newsletter there will only be two weeks left until the end of Term 3 which for some of our students is both exciting and daunting. It has been a term that has allowed events that had been cancelled in previous years to resume, allowing us to celebrate as a community. Year 12 students are in their final weeks of preparation before the Higher School Certificate examinations and the end of their years at St Marys Senior High School and formal schooling. They have been a resilient group of students and we wish them all the best as they study intensely in the lead up to the examinations early next term.

Although many of the COVID restrictions have been modified or removed, the New South Wales Educations Standards Authority (NESA) has published the High School Certificate Examination protocols which will impact on school operations at the start of Term 4. NESA protocols state that within examination rooms, tables must be set up to apply a minimum 1.5 metre distance between students. Given our large cohort, this requires a minimum of thirty rooms to be used for the English and Mathematics examinations. To meet this

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#### Principal's Report continued

requirement, we will require the current Year 11 cohort to return to remote learning at the start of Term 4, returning on site on Friday 21 October 2022. Students who are not able to learn from home will be able come on site and will be supervised in the Learning Centre to complete their course work. Access to other parts of the school will be limited due to the examinations that will be taking place.

Over the last two weeks we have had the privilege of viewing the excellent quality of Year 12 Major Works and practical Higher School Certificate performances. Well done to the Year 12 students involved and a special thank you to the teachers and parents of these students, having support them throughout this process. I know many of our teachers wake up at 2am with feedback they can provide to their students to further develop their work and I am sure that many parents are constantly thinking of ways to support their children. The success of our top performers in these significant works will be celebrated at the Major Works Assembly in Week 10.

This year one of my favourite assessment tasks has returned with Year 11 Visual Arts installations currently installed. The grounds of St Marys Senior High School are filled with amazing displays which demonstrate the skill of the artist along with the deep thinking associated with translating a theme. Students have battled some wet weather to ensure our outdoor art gallery can be enjoyed by all. Thank you to Sharon and Adam for their work and support of our students. Thank you to our Year 11 students for their creativity and challenging us to understand the message of contemporary art. These installations will be showcased in our South Creek school magazine which will be released early next term.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of our learning community and the work we do. Stay well.

#### Sally Smithard

Principal

## 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.



#### SMSHS Year 12 2022 Scholarship Opportunities

Every year the school offers a number of scholarships that Year 12 students may apply for - the Bernie Shepherd Award; the Bill Eason Award; the James Rowe Award, and the Dean Lane Award.



The Bernie Shepherd Award is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the science and technology areas while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

- 1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the science and technology fields.
- 2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
  - a) Student leadership
  - b) School service
  - c) Community service

The Bill Eason Award is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the humanities area while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

- 1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the humanities field.
- 2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
  - a) Student leadership
  - b) School service
  - c) Community service



The James Rowe Award was instituted in 2012 and is presented annually to an HSC student who is pursuing a career as a teacher in education. The successful applicant needs to demonstrate a passion and commitment to teaching as well as being interested or involved in social change and have consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

- 1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects.
- 2. Demonstrated commitment to the pursuit of a career in teaching. This is demonstrated by enrolment in a teaching degree at university. Areas to address in your application:
  - a) Passion and commitment to teaching
  - b) Interest and action in social change

The Dean Lane Award was instituted in 2021 and will be presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in Engineering Studies and/or Design and Technology.

Criteria - The successful applicant should address the following:

- 1. Outstanding performance in Engineering Studies and/or Design and Technology.
- 2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
  - a) Student leadership
  - b) School service
  - c) Involvement in school sporting teams
  - d) Community service

To apply for the Bernie Shepherd, Bill Eason, James Rowe and/or Dean Lane Awards

Please submit a written application to Danielle Ervine by 3:20 pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022.

The application should be no more than FOUR A4 typed pages in length (12 point font size and 1.5 line spacing) and address ALL of the criteria listed for the relevant award.

In addition to your application, school records will be accessed by the School Council as part of the process to select the successful scholarship applicant.



### Join the SRC in 2023



As our Year 12 Student Representative Council members prepare to complete their Higher School Certificate Examinations we are looking for students who would be interested in nominating to be a member of the SRC for 2023.

Nomination forms are available from the Library and must be returned to Kerri-Anne or Surmeet, the SRC Staff Advisers, by Friday 23 September 2022.

Elections will take place next term.

If you have any questions, please see Kerri-Anne in the Library or Surmeet in the Learning Centre.





St Marys Senior High School's Heritage Day will be held on **Tuesday 13 September (Week 9).** Heritage Day is a celebration of our school's rich cultural diversity. The SRC is extremely delighted to present this mufti day where students can dress up in their cultural attire as we unite to recognise the multicultural community present at St Marys.





On this day, we will have two shortened classes which will lead into an all school assembly where many students will perform culturally diverse dances. We will also have a variety of food trucks coming in alongside recess musical entertainment, student held stalls funded by the SRC, chalk drawing competitions and much more. The day will end with a COLOUR RUN and we advise participants to bring a white shirt, sunglasses and wear enclosed shoes for safety.

Mark the date, remember to wear your cultural clothing to represent your 'heritage' and bring a gold coin. Donations will be collected by the SRC during Period 2. This fundraiser for the SRC helps to raise money for activities coordinated by the SRC. Get ready to participate in all the fun activities organised for Heritage Day!!



#### **Itinerary for the day**



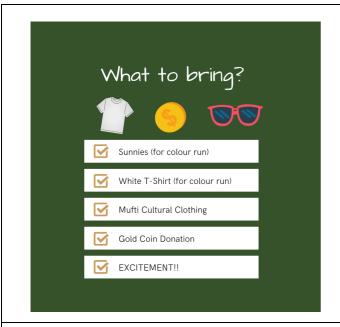
	Time	Activity	Venue
Period 1	8:20 - 9:30	Period 1 classes As per the Tues Wk A timetable	Classrooms As per timetable Tues Wk A
Period 2	9:30 - 10:40	Period 2 classes  As per the Tues Wk A timetable  ** SRC collecting gold coin donations **	Classrooms As per timetable Tues Wk A
Period 3	10:40 – 12:00	Assembly	MPC
Period 4	12:00 – 1:30	<ul> <li>Food trucks – under the COLA</li> <li>Sweets @ The Caf - Caf</li> <li>Cultural stalls – Grounds</li> <li>Chalk drawing competition –         Concrete areas, around school</li> <li>Table tennis competition -         downstairs Eason Block</li> <li>Entertainment – near the flagpoles</li> </ul>	Various venues
Period 5	1:30 – 2:30	Colour run	Kalang Oval

On the day, we also run a LOCK OUT DRILL, as part of refining our school's emergency procedures.

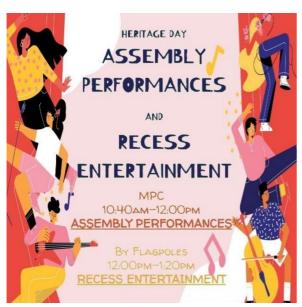
This will see gates to our school locked for a period of the day.

In the event of rain, the colour run will not take place and the timing of Periods 3 and 4 will be adjusted to ensure activities conclude at 2:30 pm







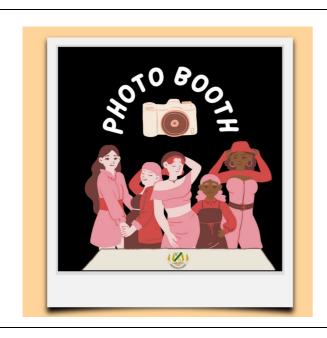


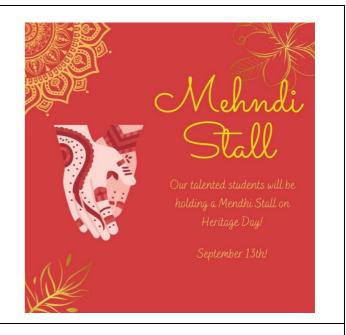
































## LITTLE HOUSE ON CAMPUS



#### **\$15 EACH**

Margherita - Tomato Pizza Sauce, Mozarella Hawaiian - Tomato Pizza Sauce, Mozarella, Ham, Pineapple Pepperoni - Tomato Pizza Sauce, Mozarella, Pepperoni Gourmet Vegetarian - Tomato Pizza Sauce, Mozarella, Capsicum, Onion, Mushroom









#### **School Captains for 2023**

On **Monday 19 September** our Year 11 students and staff will participate in the election of our School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2023. This is the culmination of a lengthy application process which commenced at the end of Term 2, seeing the details regarding each applicant being carefully considered by our Selection Panel.

On Monday, there will be a year meeting at the start of Period 4 at which point each of the candidates for election will present a short speech regarding what they bring to the role of School Captain before students and staff record their vote.

With another outstanding selection of candidates before us, we take this opportunity to wish each of them the very best in the election!

#### Leah Havord

Deputy Principal, Year 11

Candidates for School Captain 2023			
Rojin ALTUN	Sampada KAFLEY	Nezza PRASAD	
Michelle AUGUSTINE	Melos KEBEDE	Jasmine SABATEN	
Dee BISHWA	Philomina LAGMAN	Carisa SARAFIAN	
Charlotte BROWN	Parker MAHONEY	Aadhi SENTHIL KUMAR	
Kayla BUEN	Holly PEMBROKE	Destiny SIONE	
Aaliyah CHHUY	Chelsie PERFECTO	Hannah SLUYTER	
Mafata DONZO	Abbey PERKINS	Madeline UBERA	



#### **Major Works Assembly 2022**

On **Tuesday 20 September** we will be holding our annual Major Works Assembly, to celebrate the outstanding Major Works completed in a number of Higher School Certificate courses across the school.

We are particularly excited that this important celebration will also be the first occasion when we hold a full school assembly, with special guests including the award winners, their family and friends as well as the Mayor of Penrith and other dignitaries.

Because of the special nature of this ceremony, we remind students that **full school dress code** is expected on the day, including the white school shirt (with the school logo), appropriate pants/skirt and appropriate footwear. Anyone needing to borrow any items, such as a spare white school shirt, should see the staff in the Learning Centre prior to attending the assembly.

To facilitate the assembly, the adjusted bell times shown below will be in place for the day:

Period 1	8.20 am – 9.15 am
Major Works Assembly and Recess	9.15 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

#### Salochna Reddy

Head Teacher, Commercial Studies



#### Year 11 Seminar Day 2 2022

On **Friday 23 September** we will be holding our second seminar day for Year 11, in preparation for the start of Year 12 next term.

The day will start at the normal school time and students are to follow the regular school dress code for the day.

Some points for the day:

- No regular classes will run on the day.
- Year 11 students should be assembled by 8.15 am, to enter the MPC promptly at 8.20 am.
- All sessions are compulsory to attend, and rolls will be marked throughout the day.
- The day will conclude at 12.30 pm.
- Mel will share the timetable for the day with students prior to the day.

We look forward to a fantastic day!

#### Sharon Francis

Student Adviser, Year 11 2022



#### An update from the RMS

Please see the updated information provided by the RMS in the handouts below.

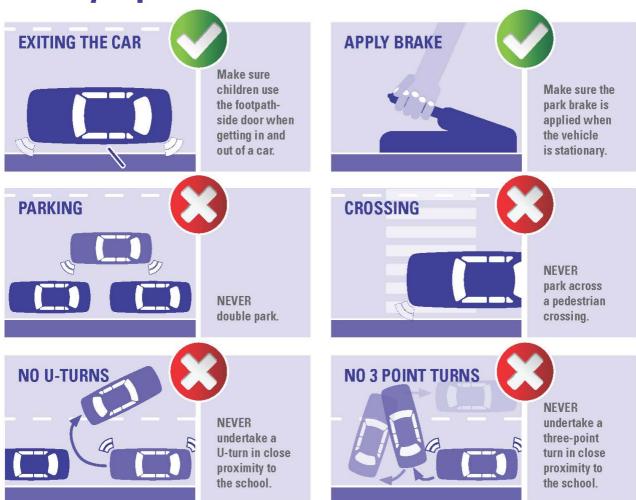
#### Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.** 

QUICK REFER	ENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRA	FFIC RULES		
ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
NO STOPPING	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	\$352	School Zone
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max, of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	\$194	School Zone
BUS ZONE	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	\$352	School Zone 2
<b>(</b>	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$464	School Zone
X	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$352	School Zone 2
× #	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP, or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	\$194	School Zone
	ove information is current as of 1 December 20 <b>21</b> .  V State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year			



#### Safety tips for school zones:



#### Safety tips for students:



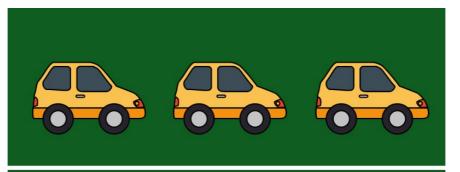
#### **Demerit Points:**

\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has '**zero**' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record.

If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/



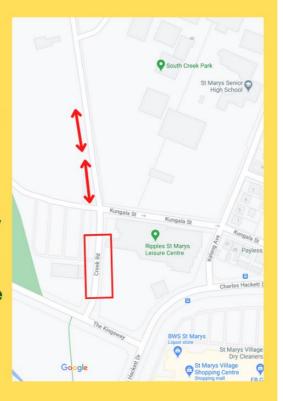


#### **SMSHS**

## STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please use Creek Road
- at the back of the school

Creek Road is a two way street, and there is lots of parking available to parents and family members, easing safe student entry to and exit from the school via the gates provided





#### **SMSHS – SOURCES OF SUPPORT**



School phone: 02 9623 8333 School email: <a href="mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au">stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a>

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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 3 Weeks 9 and 10 2022 @ SMSHS				
Monday 12 Sep	Tuesday 13 Sep	Wednesday 14 Sep	Thursday 15 Sep	Friday 16 Sep
Year 11 Biology - Task 3 due Year 11 Drama - Task 3 due Year 11 English Advanced - Task 3 due Year 11 English Standard - Task 3 due Year 11 Visual Design - Task 3 due	Heritage Day 2022  Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 Hospitality – Cluster B due	Year 11 Drama Excursion – Belvoir  Year 12 Entertainment – Cluster H due Year 11 Design and Technology – Task 3 due Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 English Ext 1 – Task 3 due	Year 12 Biology Excursion  - Taronga Zoo  Year 12 Hospitality - Cluster F due Year 11 Drama - Task 3 due Year 11 IPT - Task 3 due Year 11 SDD - Task 3 due	Year 11 Drama – Task 3 due Year 11 Music 1 – Task 3 due
Monday 19 Sep	Tuesday 20 Sep	Wednesday 21 Sep	Thursday 22 Sep	Friday 23 Sep
School Captains 2023 Elections – Year 11, Period 4 Year 11 WSU Academy U Excursion Year 11 Dance – Task 3 due	Major Works Assembly 2022 Year 11 Dance – Task 3 due	Year 11 Dance – Task 3 due Year 11 Photography 1U – Task 3 due	Year 12 2022 Graduation Rehearsal Year 11 Dance – Task 3 due	Graduation for Year 12 2022 Seminar Day 2 for Year 11 2022

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

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