



## TERM 2 WEEKS 5 AND 6

22 May – 2 June 2023

### Important Dates – Term 2 2023

W5	Tuesday 23 May	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W6	Tuesday 30 May	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for Year 12 (Remote), 4 pm – 8.30 pm
W7	Monday 5 Jun	School athletics carnival, Blair Oval
W8	Monday 12 Jun	Public holiday
W9	Wednesday 21 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for Year 11 (Remote), 4 pm – 8.30 pm
W9	Friday 23 Jun	Year 12 – Western Sydney Careers Expo excursion Year 11 – Seminar Day #1
W10	Tuesday 27 Jun	School Council Meeting, 6pm
W10	Friday 30 Jun	Last day of classes for Term 2

## 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 contact your Deputy Principal **by 11am on the day the task is due** - and fill out your illness and misadventure application online and send through your supporting evidence ASAP.



## Principal's Report

As we enter the middle stages of Term 2, I continue to be amazed at the dedication of teaching and non-teaching staff who are working extremely hard to support all students, both within and beyond the classroom. Many staff have taken on additional duties to ensure that students continue to have the best opportunity to learn and participate in extracurricular activities. It is wonderful to see so many students taking up the opportunities provided to them to participate in a wide range of activities whilst managing their academic workloads. The development of sound time management and organisational skills is so important for senior students and for life after school.

As we enter the cooler months, our school community is reminded that we have Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) available at our Administration Office for students. Staff and students should not attend school if they are unwell. If students have an assessment task on a day that they are unwell, they should follow the school's assessment policy, contact their Deputy Principal ([Danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)) or [leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)) and complete an

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

illness and misadventure application online.

We have been fortunate to find an interim operator for our cafeteria. The new provider is scheduled to start on 29 May 2023 and should be in place for twelve months whilst the full tender process proceeds. They look forward to hearing any feedback that will assist them to provide the best possible variety and service. I am certainly looking forward to the return of a barista on site.

We have had a number of questions regarding the mobile phone ban announced by the new New South Wales Government. The policy around this announcement is yet to be released and is currently in draft stage, with consultation occurring with stakeholder groups. Following the release of the policy we will be looking at developing procedures that align to the policy but also fit the expectations of a young adult learning environment.

We are currently in an academic reporting and feedback phase for Semester 1. Year 12 will be receiving their reports at the end of Week 4 via the Sentral Parent and Student Portal. Year 11 Semester 1 reports will be issued in the same manner at the end of Week 7. Parents and carers who have concerns about their child's progress beyond the academic reporting periods should contact their child's Student Adviser on 02 9623 8333. The names of the Student Advisers appear in this newsletter. Based on feedback from our last Student, Parent, Teacher Evening we have decided to keep the same format as last year for this evening. This will mean that it is conducted remotely rather than face to face. The feedback we received indicated that due to most of our students living outside of our very small drawing area, it was more convenient for parents and carers to have a phone discussion at a designated time rather than rushing from work or balancing the extracurricular activities of multiple children. Other feedback highlighted that the evening kept to designated times rather than interviews going over time. The Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for Year 12 will occur on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 30 May 2023 and for Year 11 on Wednesday 21 June 2023. This newsletter will provide details on how to book interview times for each of the evenings.

I hope you all have a great fortnight!

***Sally Smithard***

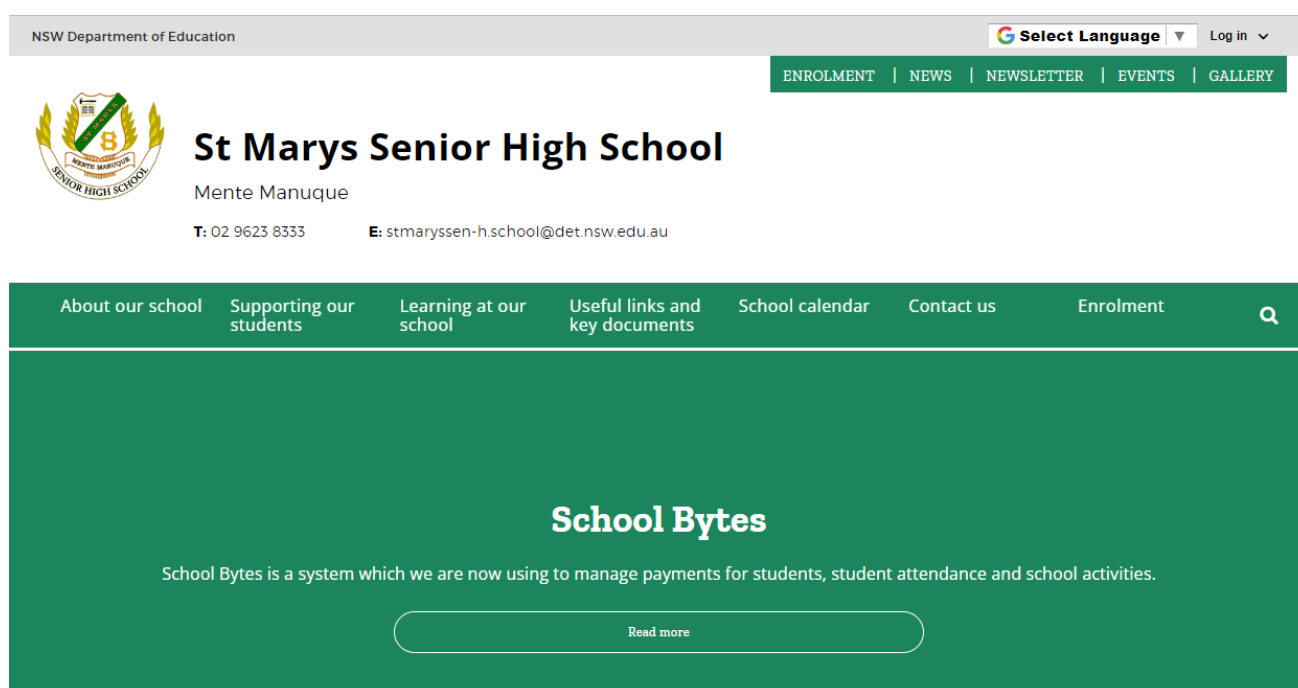
*Principal*



## FINDING OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BYTES

We encourage parents, carers and families to see the information provided by School Bytes which is available through our school website:

<https://stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



The screenshot shows the top section of the St Marys Senior High School website. At the top is a grey navigation bar with 'NSW Department of Education' on the left, a 'Select Language' dropdown menu, and a 'Log in' link on the right. Below this is a green navigation bar with links for 'ENROLMENT', 'NEWS', 'NEWSLETTER', 'EVENTS', and 'GALLERY'. The main header area features the school's crest on the left, followed by the school name 'St Marys Senior High School', the motto 'Mente Manuque', and contact details: 'T: 02 9623 8333' and 'E: stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au'. Below the header is a green navigation bar with links for 'About our school', 'Supporting our students', 'Learning at our school', 'Useful links and key documents', 'School calendar', 'Contact us', and 'Enrolment', along with a search icon. The main content area has a green background with the title 'School Bytes' in white, followed by the text 'School Bytes is a system which we are now using to manage payments for students, student attendance and school activities.' and a 'Read more' button.

### Some key links to “how to” guides”

- Setting up a parent account in the School Bytes Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-up-your-parent-portal-account>
- Making a payment through the Parent Portal - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5186380941583-Parent-Portal-Make-a-payment>
- Provide consent and make a payment for a school activity - <https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5288567801999-Parent-Portal-Provide-consent-and-payment-for-an-excursion>





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## **STUDENT SPECIALS**



### **BAKERS DELIGHT**

15% discount on all products

### **TOROS KEBAB**

Free can of soft drink or bottle of water with every kebab or snack pack

### **CHA TIME**

2 Fruit Teas for \$10 (only valid between 10am - 1pm Monday to Friday)

### **GLORIA JEANS**

Any regular cold drink for \$5 or any classic coffee & banana bread for \$9

### **ST MARYS FISH & CHIPS**

10% discount on all products

### **DONUT KING**

Buy any drink and get 2 cinnamon donuts free

### **RED LEA**

Free gravy on chips or chicken

### **HONG KONG VILLAGE**

Small fried rice or Cheow Mein Noodles for \$5

### **CAFFE CHERRY BEANS**

Small nuggets and chips for \$5 (only valid 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday)



**All students must present their student ID. The student specials are only valid Monday to Friday from 7am until 5pm (excluding Cha Time & Caffe Cherry Beans).**



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## Year 11 and 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Our Year 11 and Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews are taking shortly:

- Year 12 Student, Parent and Teacher interviews will take place **on Tuesday 30 May between 4 pm and 8:30 pm.**
- Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher interviews will take place **on Wednesday 21 June between 4 pm and 8:30 pm.**

As a result of feedback on last year's interviews, teachers will undertake interviews via phone or Zoom, depending on each teacher's preference.

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

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](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) .

If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email [matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au) .

The window for booking Year 12 interviews will be open from 9am on Monday 22 May until 7am on Monday 29 May 2023.

The window for booking Year 11 interviews will be open from 9am on Tuesday 13 June until 7am on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

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

**Matthew Topp**

*Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinator*



## 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 22 May for Year 12 and Tuesday 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

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

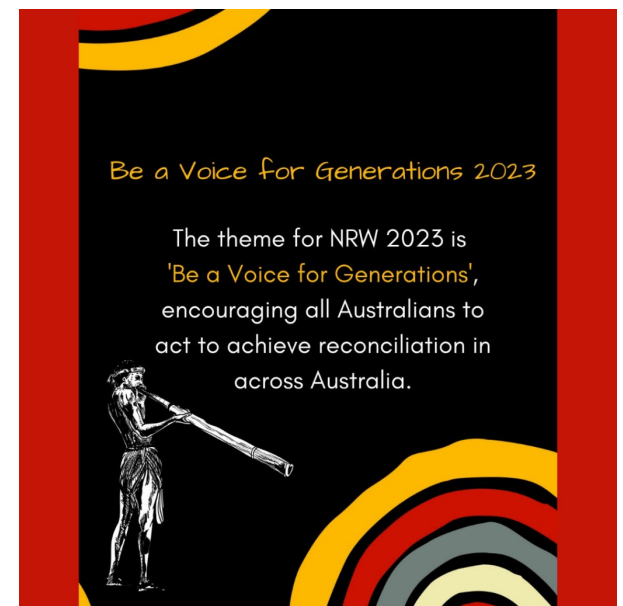
6:00pm

Confirm Appointments

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



## From our SRC...



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE

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[NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU](http://NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU)

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# SMSHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival will be held at Blair Oval on **Monday 5 June 2023**. We are looking forward to a fantastic day!

Permission notes have been emailed out to parents and carers, and need to be **returned by Thursday 1 June**.

This year, we are trialling a “Competitor Sign Up”, to allow students to enter competitive events prior to the day. Students can use the QR code provided here to do this. Students are reminded that they will need to be signed into their @education account to complete the form. *Those students interested in competing in non-competitive, novelty events do not need to complete the form.*

Any students, parents, carers and families who have questions about the day should contact myself or one of the PDHPE Faculty.



**Jo Brines**

*Head Teacher PDHPE and Sports Coordinator*



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## Careers Advice @ SMSHS

If students are after advice on university courses, post-school pathways, UCAT applications, scholarships and early entry requirements, they can make an appointment to see Cheryll, our Careers Adviser.

To do this, students can scan the QR code below to book a time that is available for both them and Cheryll.

Students can also see Cheryll or myself in the school library if they have any questions about making an appointment.

**Lucas Widdison**

*Head Teacher Secondary Studies*

### Careers Adviser Appointment Bookings



# 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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Year 12 2023 Student Adviser, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna	<a href="mailto:lauren.hasna@det.nsw.edu.au">lauren.hasna@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	<a href="mailto:surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au">surmeet.kaur@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
Deputy Principal Year 11 2023	Danielle Ervine	<a href="mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au">danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
Deputy Principal Year 12 2023	Leah Havord	<a href="mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au">leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au</a>



## Term 2 Weeks 5 & 6 2023 @ SMSHS

Monday 22 May	Tuesday 23 May	Wednesday 24 May	Thursday 25 May	Friday 26 May
<p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Dance</b> - Task 1 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Retail Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Year 12 Financial Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>In Concert</b> – Final rehearsal and performance</p> <p><b>Academic Counselling, Keynote Speaker 1</b> – for invited Year 12 students, Period 5 in the Lecture Theatre</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Retail Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Year 12 Financial Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>School Council Meeting</b>, 6pm via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Dance</b> - Task 1 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Retail Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Year 12 Financial Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Science Leadership Titration</b> – before school</p> <p><b>Lunch Concert</b></p>	<p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Retail Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Year 12 Financial Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Ashfield Boys HS Prefect Afternoon Tea</b></p>	<p><b>Sorry Day</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 12 Retail Services</b> – Work placement</p> <p><b>Year 12 Financial Services</b> – Work placement</p>
Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
<p><b>National Reconciliation Week 2023</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p><b>National Reconciliation Week 2023</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Year 11 Maths Advanced</b> - Task 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p><b>Year 11 Maths Standard</b> - Task 2 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p><b>Year 11 Studies of Religion 2</b> - Task 2 due</p> <p><b>Student, Parent, Teacher Night for Year 12</b>, Remote format, 4 pm – 8.30 pm</p>	<p><b>National Reconciliation Week 2023</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Music 1</b> - Task 3 due</p> <p><b>Science Leadership Titration</b> – before school</p> <p><b>Lunch Concert</b></p>	<p><b>PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES</b></p> <p><b>National Reconciliation Week 2023</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Biology</b> - Task 3 to be completed during the Period Zero</p> <p><b>Year 12 Modern History</b> - Task 3 due</p>	<p><b>National Reconciliation Week 2023</b></p> <p><b>Deadly Friday</b> – Mufti day wearing red, yellow, black, blue, green and/or white, with gold coin donations going to Deadly Connections</p>



## Our Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Council President:	Sonia Matthews
School Captains:	Charlotte Brown Destiny Sione
School Executive:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	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	Lucas Widdison
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- Head Teacher (Year 11)	Charly Ebejer
- Head Teacher (Year 12)	Tracie Huet
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Business Manager (Acting)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Angela Demaio
Student Advisers:	
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Sussan Allaou
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Wendi Kambolli
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Adam Bernthaler
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lauren Hasna
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jeff Larsen
Learning Support:	Sussan Allaou (F) Carmel Harriden (M, T) Melissa Jacka Carly McPherson (T, W, T) Ashlee Pleffer (M, T)
Student Support Officer:	Surmeet Kaur
Careers Adviser (Rel):	Cheryl Ruskin

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