

### **TERM 2 WEEKS 3 AND 4**

3 - 14 May 2021

#### Important Dates - Term 2 2021

W5	Tue 18 May	UAC Talk for Year 12 2021 Period Zero, MPC	
W5	Fri 21 May	Year 11 2022 Expressions of Interest due	
W6	Tue 25 May	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front office	
W6	Wed 26 May	National Sorry Day 2021 – start of National Reconciliation Week 2021	
W7	Mon 31 May	School Athletics Carnival	
W10	Tue 22 Jun	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front office	
W10	Fri 25 Jun	Last day of classes for Term 2	
		Seminar Day, Year 11 2021	
		Western Sydney Careers Expo, Year 12 2021	



# **Principal's Report**

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well.

The 2020 Annual School Report is published and available for all members of our school community via school website our https://stmaryssenh.schools.nsw.gov.au/. I invite all members of our school community to view the Annual School Report and celebrate with us some of our achievements in 2020. You will also find our new four year school plan which is underpinned by three strategic directions: student growth and attainment, student wellbeing and leadership, and staff leadership and learning. As part of the process of developing this new plan our school looked at our current school values and made the decision to reduce them from eleven to a more manageable three, which incorporates the original values. I would like to thank our students, the School Council and our staff for their input into this process. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our Head Teacher English, Julie Robinson for leading this process.

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### Principal's Report continued

The St Marys Senior High School learning community is:

Inclusive - We are an inclusive, kind and supportive school which values diversity, independence and community.

Aspirational – We are an aspirational community which strives to achieve individual excellence.

Respectful – We are respectful of our history, our people and our environment.

Our students continue to participate in a range of extra-curricular activities whilst they balance their studies. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this was something that we missed in 2020. The Department of Education's Arts Unit is in full swing with implementing many opportunities for all students in a range of creative and performing arts. This includes Kassidy Arkle who is one of eighteen students across the state selected to perform at NIDA in a performance of "Tales from the Wild Bush" in May. Congratulations, Kassidy.

Term One and Two are always packed with sporting pursuits and I would like to acknowledge members of our swim team who, at the time of writing this, are competing at the NSW Combined High Schools Carnival. This is a great achievement, both as individual swimmers and in team events. Best wishes to Jordan Amies, Harry Bolton, Monique Buksh, Kia Critchley, Matthew Fava, Jack Hanrahan, Samuel Hanrahan, Caitlin Shepherd and Riley Stevens. We also wish Jasmine Footit all the best as she competes at the National Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast in May.

We have just commemorated ANZAC Day, both at school and through student representation at St Marys RSL and Penrith RSL events. Thank you to our HSIE team and their student leaders for leading the commemorations at St Marys Senior High School. Thank you also to our student leaders Bree Fitzpatrick, Mohmd Alsomay, Chloe Nolasco and Alice Chitos for attending these events on behalf of the school community. I would also like to acknowledge Elizabeth Rimmer, Danielle Ackley and Cameron Ackley for their cadet work at the St Marys RSL Dawn Service, which Bree and I attended.

All Year 12 students have received an email from me recently discussing the process for requesting a recommendation for early entry into university. Each university has different processes that need to be followed and organisation is the key to ensure that students meet the criteria and deadline that each university puts in place.



## **Enrolment 2022**

Our enrolment timeframes for Year 11 2022 can be found on our school website under the "Enrolment" tab. Expression of interest forms for local and non-local enrolments are available now and these forms are due by 2:30 pm on **Friday 21 May 2021**. Any questions can be directed to our Enrolment Secretary. Please feel free to contact the front office on 02 9623 8333.

Wishing everyone a great fortnight and many thanks for your ongoing support of our school.

## Sally Smithard

Principal







This fortnight @ SMSHS							
Monday 3 May	Tuesday 4 May	Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May			
Sydney West Table Tennis Tournament  Year 12 Visual Arts – Asst 2 due  Year 11 Drama – Asst 1 due	Year 11 Drama – Asst 1 due	CAPA Lunchtime Concert  @ the COLA  WSU Pathways To Dreaming Year 11 Campus Day  Year 12 Financial Services  - Cluster D due  Year 11 Drama - Asst 1 due  Year 11 SLR - Asst 2 due	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES  Year 11 Drama – Asst 1 due  Year 11 Physics – PERIOD ZERO TASK - Asst 2	WSU Pathways To Dreaming Year 12 Campus Day NSW CHS Girls Touch Gala Day OnSTAGE – Viewing for Drama students Year 11 Drama – Asst 1 due			
Monday 10 May	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May	Friday 14 May			
	Year 11 Geography Camp – Brewongle EEC  Year 12 Studies of Religion 2 – Asst 3 due  Year 12 English Advanced – Asst 3 due  Year 12 English Standard – Asst 3 due  Year 12 Society and Culture – PIP Progress Report 2 due	CAPA Lunchtime Concert @ the COLA  Year 11 Geography Camp – Brewongle EEC	PERIOD ZERO BELL TIMES  Year 11 Geography Camp – Brewongle EEC  Year 12 Physics – PERIOD ZERO TASK - Asst 3				

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



