

# St Marys Senior High School

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Isidro Alfonso  
Andrea Reyes

School Council President: Ross Abbott

## Principal's Report

By the time you receive this newsletter there will only be two weeks left until the end of the term. It is extraordinary how fast this term has flown. 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. They have been a terrific group of students and we wish them all the best as they study intensely in the lead up to the exams early next term.

On Saturday evening Danielle and I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Final of "Bring It On", Sydney 2018 at Norwest to see St Marys Senior High School compete. To make it to the grand final is an amazing feat and all students should feel very proud of reaching this level of competition. Congratulations and thank you is also extended to Donna and Jesse for their coaching, mentorship and support of our students. Apart from the achievement of making it to the grand final, the underlying vision of "Bring It On" is empowering youth to be world leaders and I suspect that this vision has been achieved, certainly with the students from St Marys Senior High School.

Congratulations to our Titration Team who along with Rosemary and Nicola have achieved amazing results in their latest competition. They were one of only five teams to be named as excellent at the National Titles on 8 September 2018. You can read more about their

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## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3 2018

W9	Tues 18 Sep	Heritage Day
W10	Mon 24 Sep	School Captain Elections
W10	Tues 25 Sep	Major Works Assembly
W10	Wed 26 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal
W10	Thur 27 Sep	Year 12 Graduation Panthers Exhibition Marquee

## IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4 2018

W1	Tues 16 Oct	Year 11 Year Meeting Period Zero, MPC
W1	Wed 17 Oct	Enrolment Evening 1 for Year 11 2019
W1	Thur 18 Oct	HSC exams start
W1	Thur 18 Oct	Enrolment Evening 2 for Year 11 2019
W2	Tues 23 Oct	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front office
W3	Mon 29 Oct	Start of HSC course work Year 12 2019
W5	Tues 13 Nov	Year 12 2018 Sign Out Day 1
W5	Thur 15 Nov	Year 12 2018 Sign Out Day 2
W5	Fri 16 Nov	Year 12 2018 Formal
W8	Tues 4 Dec	Presentation Day
W8	Tues 4 Dec	School Council Meeting 7:30 am, Front office
W9	Tues 11 Dec	End of Year Trek (Tasmania) begins
W10	Mon 17 Dec	Collaroy Leadership Camp begins
W10	Mon 17 Dec	School Leadership Program Begins

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

achievements later in this newsletter but all involved deserve recognition of their efforts, teamwork and commitment.

The final two weeks of this term at St Marys Senior High School continues to be busy but also allows us to sit back and celebrate and reflect on our achievements. Please keep up to date via SkoolBag, Facebook and our new website. In week 9 we will be celebrating the seventy six cultures that contribute to our school through Heritage Day and our inaugural Colour Run. Since I commenced at St Marys, this is the day that many of my colleagues have spoken about in such a positive light and the day that they report they enjoy the most.

In the last week of Term 3 we will find out who our Student Leadership Team will be for 2019 when Year 11 students and staff vote for the School Captains and Vice Captains. All of the candidates are of the highest quality and I wish them all the best for their speeches and the election. Accompanying the elections in week 10 will be a time for celebration for Year 12 with the Major Works Assembly and the Year 12 Graduation. Both of these events celebrate and showcase the achievements of Year 12 and I am looking forward to both immensely. I would like to thank those faculties who are leading these three major events: TAS/PDHPE (Heritage Day), Commercial Studies (Major Works Assembly) and Science (Year 12 Graduation Ceremony) for their contributions to ensuring that our school community embeds a culture of honouring the students of St Marys Senior High School.

***Sally Smithard***

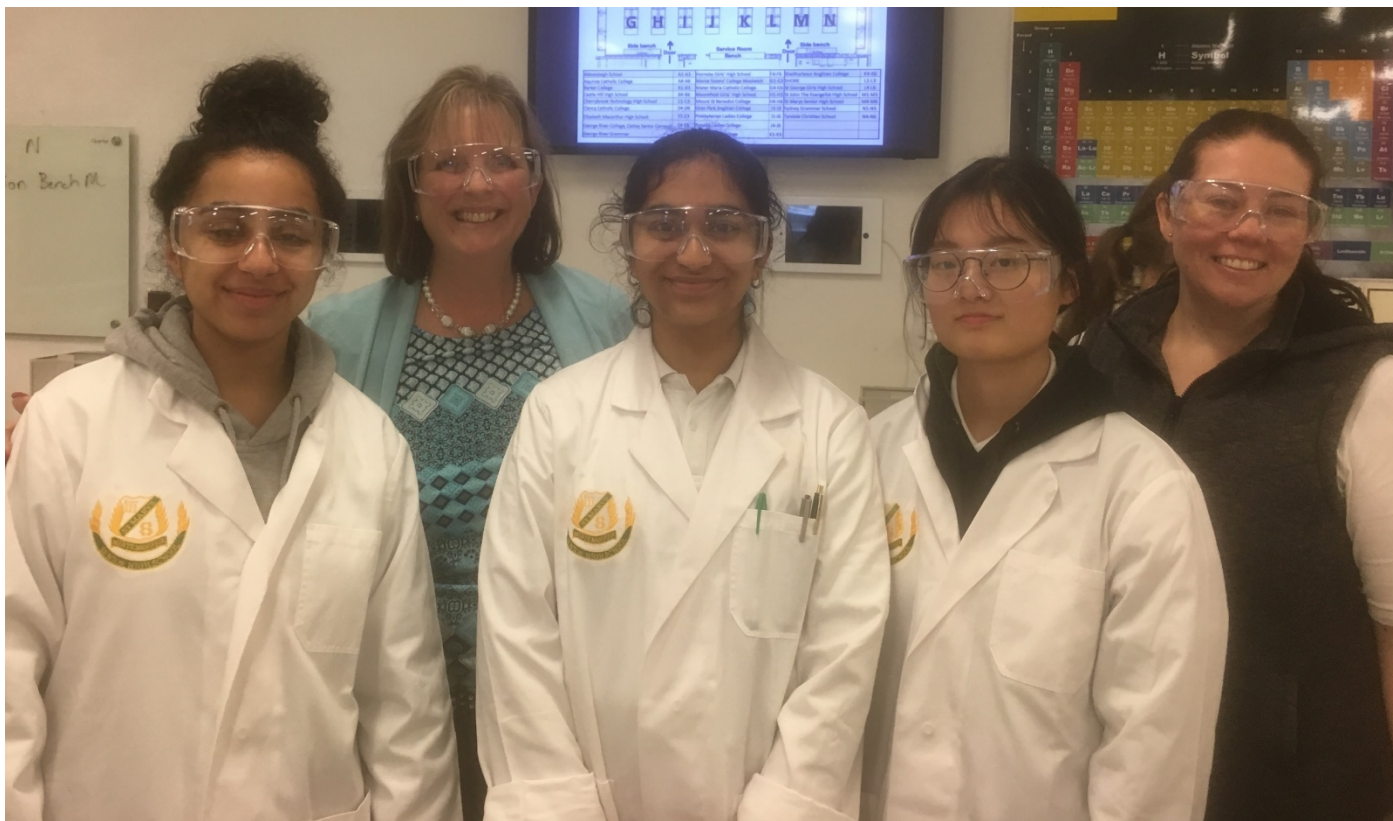
*Principal*



*Ashutosh Sharma and  
Krystal Owen in action at  
the recent Londonderry  
Leadership Day at NSW  
Parliament House*



## Congratulations, Titration Team!



Our Titration Team has seen many successes this year. Earlier in the year, over forty students trained in titration and peer tutored the skills of titration to class members to help meet the requirements of the Year 12 Chemistry syllabus. In June, twenty five students (eight teams of three members each, as well as one reserve) were selected to compete at the NSW Titration Competition at the WSU Hawkesbury venue. Our teams placed strongly; in a field of twenty nine teams at this event, we placed first, fourth, fifth and seventh out of the first seven places announced, with four students scoring individual scores of 1 (0 being perfect, 10000 being the worst!). With 420 teams competing at NSW Titration Competitions across the state, our team was placed fourth in the state with an amazing score of eleven.

Our winning team was then invited to compete in the National Titration competition, which ran on Saturday 8 September at UNSW Kensington. The competition was made up of the top thirty six teams, and new analytical skills had to be learned for this meet. Our team, made up of Jessica George, Jahanvi Maheshwari and Erin Shin came fifth at the Sydney venue, and individually won two gold medals and one silver medal. Five of the teams at the event were deemed excellent, our team included, and two teams were highly commended.

Our students have worked continuously for nearly three terms, and Nicola and myself are very proud of their fantastic achievements in analytical chemistry.

**Rosemary Spears**

*Titration Team Coach and Science Teacher*

*come*  
**together**

for

**SMSHS  
TWENTY  
EIGHTEEN**



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# **HERITAGE DAY**

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**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18**

**A DAY FULL OF SPECTACULAR STALLS TO VISIT, COLOUR RUN TO  
CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR, AND PERFORMANCES TO SHARE  
OUR DIFFERENT CULTURES .**

**Heritage Day!**  
**Tuesday 18 September 2018**

Organisation for the day

8:20 am - 9:20 am	Period 1, Tuesday A timetable
9:20 am - 10:20 am	Period 2, Tuesday A timetable
10:20 am - 12:00 pm	Heritage Day Assembly, MPC*
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Heritage Day Stalls and Performances**
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Colour Run, South Creek Oval***
3:00 pm	School concludes



\* Our assembly involves student performances from around the world. *At the outset of this assembly, the school commences its lockout drill for the year, ensuring the safety and security of our school community.*

\*\* Students and staff purchase food from the wide variety of student run stalls on the day that offer food from around the world, using tokens that can be purchased on the day in \$5 bags from the front office.

- Students should bring correct cash to speed up the purchase of these bags of tokens.
- All money raised is donated to World Vision to support people in need around the world.

\*\*\* For those students who choose to participate in our Colour Run, please remember:

- Bring a change of clothes for the afternoon (white clothing is suggested)
- Bring your sunglasses (to help keep powder out of your eyes)
- Bring your own joggers and water





**1:30pm Heritage Day  
School Oval & South Creek Oval**

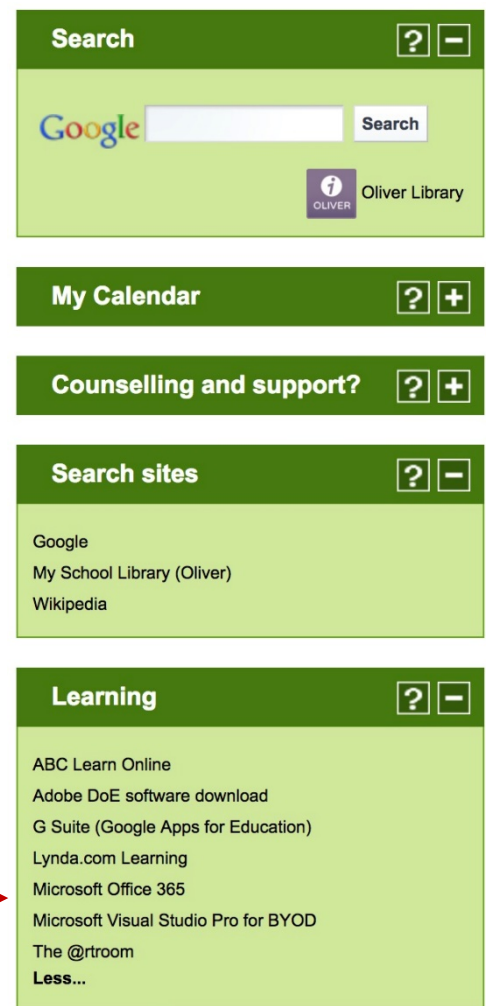
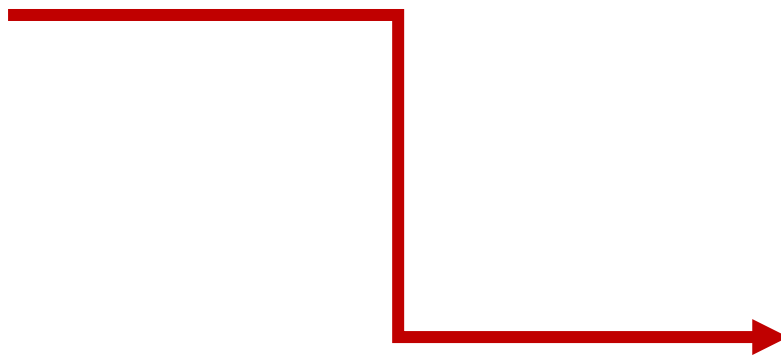
# **SMSHS COLOUR RUN 2018**

**Wear White and Bring  
Sunglasses**

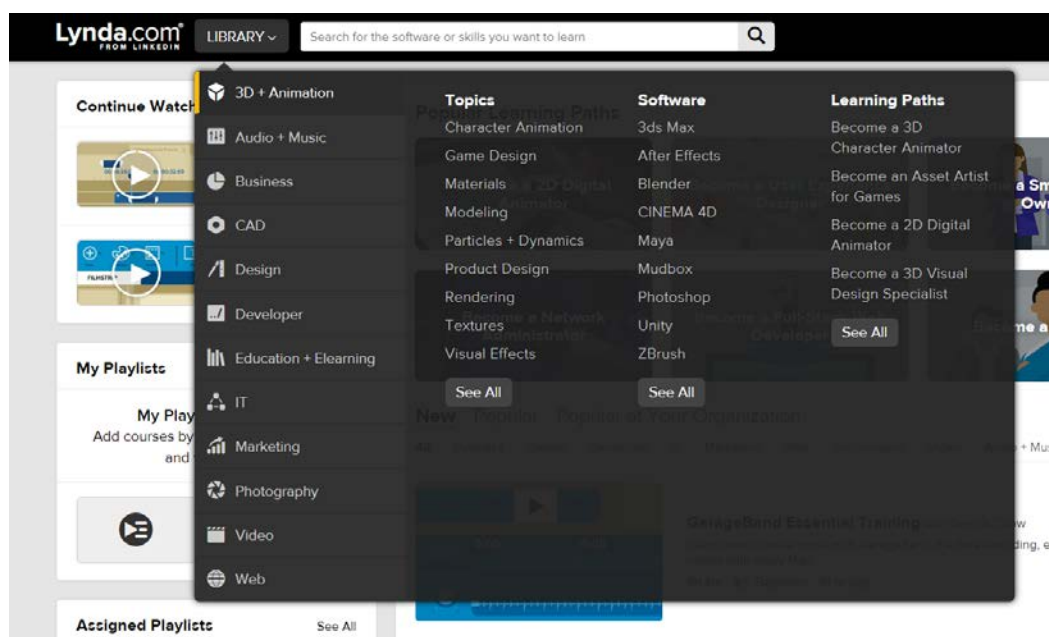
## New online resources

Students now have access to some great online resources. Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform. The Lynda library includes video tutorials on different software and technology that can help you develop your ICT skills. You can use these tutorials to help you complete assignments with ICT elements. The tutorials could also help you to develop skills for particular professions or you may complete the tutorials for personal interest.

To access Lynda, log into your student portal and follow the link in the Learning tab.



Once in Lynda, click on the library tab to explore different topics, software or learning paths for the categories shown on the left. You could also use the search field to search for tutorials on particular software.





## The results from the Picture Book Competition announced

On Thursday 6 September the Picture Book Competition Awards Ceremony was held in the library. The leaders of our Book Club, Jessica Delos Reyes, Sarah Khan, Flyn Moss and Mohammad Rifai hosted the event. Picture Book of the Year was awarded to Holly Stevens for her book "Gold & Rubies". Holly also received the St Marys Choice Award.

Highly commended awards were presented to Muskan Soni and Jahanvi Maheshwari, Sarah Al-Baghdadi and Rabab Zaidi, and Anzalna Shaikh and Careen Elyassin.

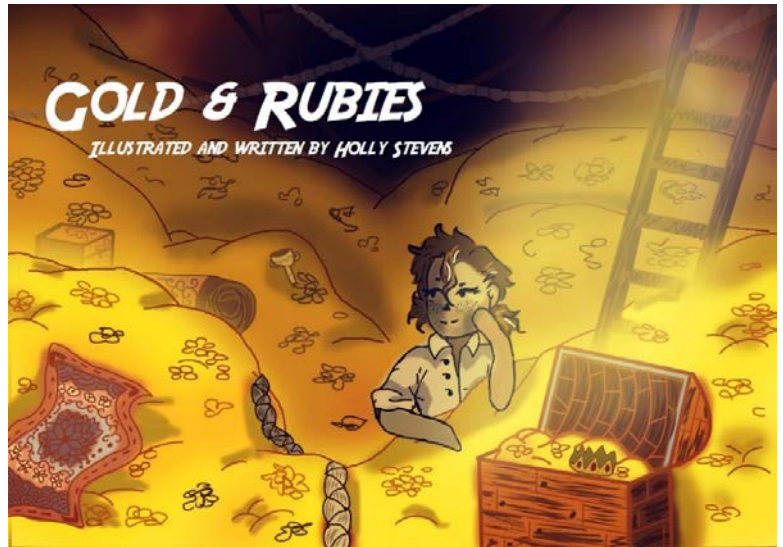
All the entrants are to be congratulated on their wonderful creations as they all included beautiful illustrations and original stories.

The Book Club leaders all contributed to a wonderful ceremony and thanks must also go to Abdulrehman Ahmad and Shoaib Alam for assisting with presenting the awards, Saeher Khan for the being the photographer and Mohammad Rifai for being the Book Club representative on the judging panel.

I look forward to seeing some more wonderful entries in next year's competition.

**Kerri-Anne Brown**

*Teacher librarian*



<b>Major Works Assembly</b> <b>Tuesday 25 September 2018</b> Organisation for the day	
8:20 am - 9:15 am	Period 1, Tuesday B timetable
9:15 am – 11:45 am	Assembly and Recess
11:45 am – 12:25 pm	Period 2, Tuesday B timetable
12:25 pm – 1:10 pm	Period 3, Tuesday B timetable
1:10 pm – 1:40 pm	Lunch
1:40 pm – 2:30 pm	Period 4
2:30 pm – 3:20 pm	Period 5



### Graduation for Year 12 2018

On Thursday 27 September our school will celebrate the graduation of the Year 12 class of 2018. The event will be held offsite at the Exhibition Marquee at Penrith Panthers. This is because we are unable to host the event at school due to the large numbers of graduating students and guests.

The organisation and arrangements for Year 12 students and their guests has been provided to students.

As teaching staff will be attending the graduation in Penrith, normal classes will not occur on Thursday 27 September for Year 11 students. Minimal supervision will be provided for students in the Learning Centre from 8:20 am to 3:20 pm.

On Friday 28 September, normal classes will continue for Year 11 students.



## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 17 Sept	Tuesday 18 Sept	Wednesday 19 Sept	Thursday 20 Sept	Friday 21 Sept
<b>WEEK A</b> <b>RSA and RCG Training</b> <i>School library</i>	<b>Heritage Day 2018</b> <i>Organised by the SRC</i> <i>Adjusted school day organisation</i>			<b>RSA and RCG Training</b> <i>School library</i>
Monday 24 Sept	Tuesday 25 Sept	Wednesday 26 Sept	Thursday 27 Sept	Friday 28 Sept
<b>WEEK B</b> <b>School Captains 2019 Election</b> <i>Year 11, Period 4 MPC</i>	<b>Major Works Assembly</b> <i>Adjusted bell times</i>	<b>Graduation Rehearsal Year 12 2018</b> <i>Periods 3 and 4, MPC</i>  <b>RAW FRUIT Day</b> <i>Year 11 students</i>	<b>Graduation Year 12 2018</b> <i>Exhibition Marquee, Penrith Panthers</i>	<b>Last day of Term 3</b>

### Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11 - Rel)	Leah Havord
- English	Julie Robinson
- Mathematics	Simone Pett
- Science (Rel)	Lidija Radovancevic
- Commercial Studies (Rel)	Salochna Reddy
- HSIE	Lisa O'Neill
- CAPA	Lesley Stubbs
- Computing	Matthew Topp
- LOTE	Luigi Serra
- TAS/PDHPE (Rel)	Angela Lievore
- Secondary Studies	Liz Hemmings
- Student Services (Rel)	Peta Bailey
- First Australians	Lidija Radovancevic
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Charly Ebejer
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Ellen Worgan
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Lyn Tuckwell
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Luigi Serra
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Andrew Mabey
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Nicola Preston
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne
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