



# Our School Newsletter

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School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

## ISSUE 30

27 May – 7 June 2019

### Important Dates – Term 2 2019

W5	Tues 28 May	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W5	Thur 30 May	MSA Fundraiser – Multicoloured Mufti Day
W6	Mon 3 Jun	School Athletics Carnival Blair Oval, all day
W6	Tues 4 Jun	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, Year 12 2019 Library, 4pm – 8pm
W7	Mon 10 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
W7	Wed 12 Jun	ValYOU Day
W9	Tues 25 Jun	School Council Meeting 6pm, Front Office
W9	Wed 26 Jun	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, Year 11 2019 Library, 4pm – 8pm
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Western Sydney Careers Expo, Year 12 students
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Seminar Day, Year 11 students
W10	Fri 5 Jul	Last day of term for students and staff

## Principal's Report

Although teaching and learning is our priority, at the same time we are beginning to start the planning process for 2020. Our non-local enrolment applications have just closed and our enrolment panel will work through each application commencing Monday 5 June 2019. All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified at the same time in July.

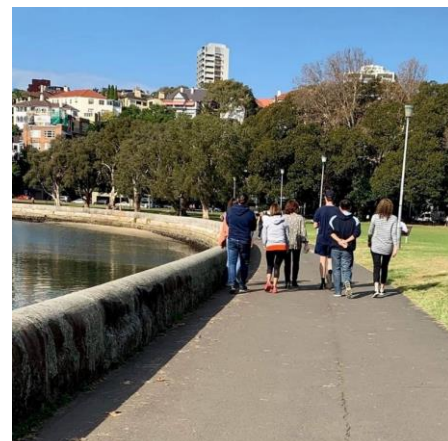
The commitment shown by the staff at St Marys Senior High School towards students and public education continues to amaze me. It is a privilege to work with such dedicated staff. Last weekend sixty of our staff gave up time with their families to participate in a whole school conference focused on wellbeing. Their engagement, professionalism and care is something

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## Principal's Report continued

the entire St Marys Senior High School community should be proud of.



Congratulations to Remy Hannan (Black and White Photography) and Emma Cutts (Ceramics) who have been selected to participate in the National Art School's Intensive Studio Practice for 2019. The selection process for this honour is extensive and the experience and opportunity afforded our creative artists will be something that they will surely never forget.

We are currently in the academic reporting and feedback phase for Semester 1. Year 12 should have received their reports by the time you read this newsletter and the Student-Parent-Teacher Evening for this group of students will take place on Tuesday 4 June. Interviews for this evening are by appointment only and can be made via the Parent Portal on Sentral (a guide as to how to do this can be found later in this newsletter). We look forward to meeting with as many parents as possible on this evening.

The Semester 1 reports for Year 11 will be issued in Week 8, with the Student-Parent-Teacher Evening for this group being held on Wednesday 26 June, also commencing at 4pm. Parents who have concerns about their child's progress beyond the academic reporting periods should contact their Student Adviser on 02 9623 8333. The names of the Student Advisers appear later in this newsletter.

Finally, keep an eye out on our social media pages for our students participating in the Ration Challenge. Students have already raised over \$2000 promoting awareness of the plight of refugees. In a world that

appears at times to have lost some humanity, it is wonderful to see our future world leaders shining a light on social justice and global awareness.

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*



**MSA INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE**

**MATW PROJECT**  
**FUNDRAISER**

**POVERTY STRICKEN COMMUNITIES**  
**WORLDWIDE**  
**HENNA STALLS**  
**WEAR ANY COLOURS**  
**HELP THOSE IN NEED**  
**DIVERSITY AND UNITY**

**30TH MAY, THURSDAY AT RECESS & LUNCH**  
**HENNA STALLS, INFRONT OF LIBRARY + GOLD**  
**COIN DONATION**

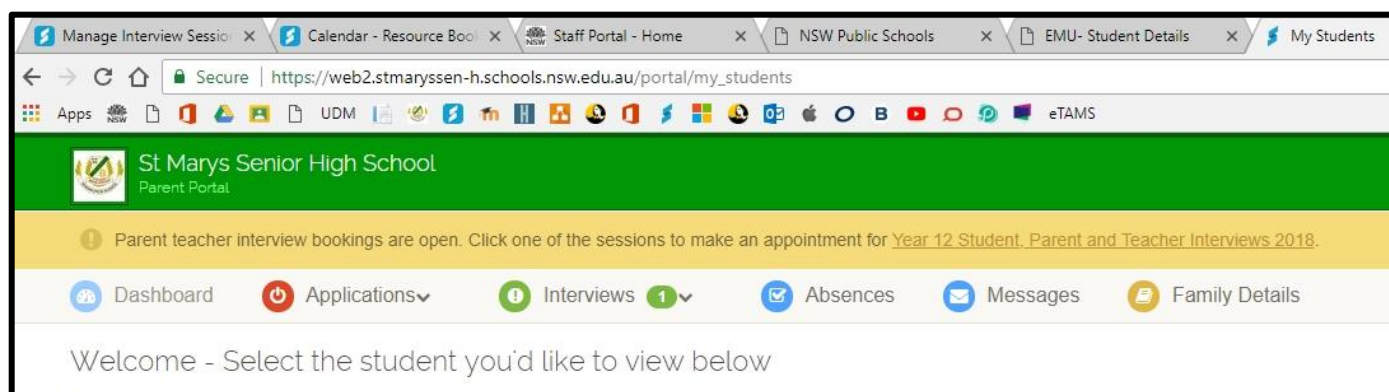
## Making times for Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews @ SMSHS

St Marys Senior High School's Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews for Year 12 will take place on **Tuesday 4 June 2018 from 4pm to 8pm** in the school library.

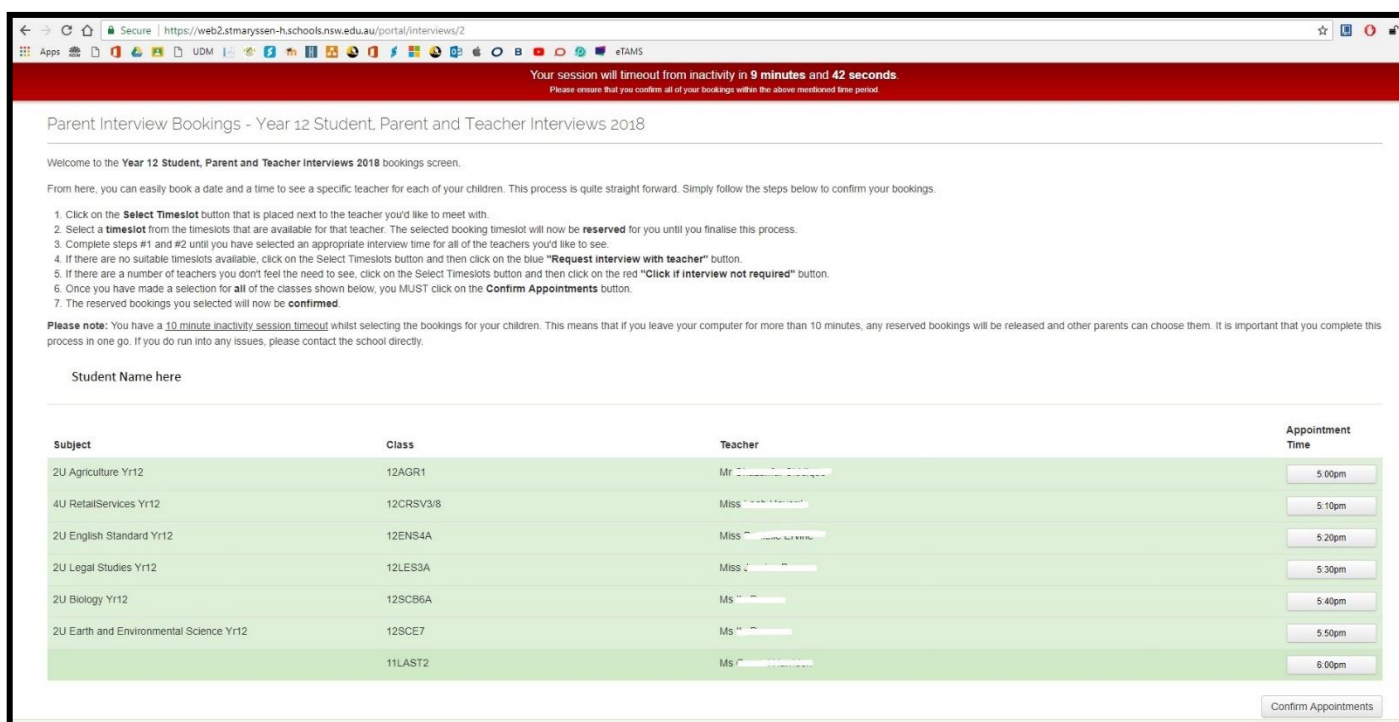
Parents have the opportunity to set up interviews with their child's teachers through the Parent Portal **by 6 am on Tuesday 4 June**. *Please note interviews are by appointment only.*

Here is a short tutorial showing how to make interview times with teachers.

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://web2.stmaryssen-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings will open **at midnight on Monday afternoon (27 May 2019)**. 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 or caregivers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.



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, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

Parents or caregivers can choose not required if they so desire.

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

The screenshot shows a booking interface for a specific date, 05/06/2018 Tue. It features a grid of time slots from 4:00pm to 7:50pm. The grid is organized into rows and columns. Some slots are highlighted in green, indicating they are available for booking, while others are greyed out, indicating they are unavailable. A button labeled 'Request interview with teacher' is positioned below the grid. To the right of the grid, there is a section titled 'Appointment Time' which includes a 'Not Attending' button and a list of selected times: 5:10pm, 5:20pm, 5:30pm, 5:40pm, 5:50pm, and 6:00pm. At the bottom right of the interface, there is a 'Confirm Appointments' button.

5. As well as classroom teachers, parents and caregivers have the opportunity to select an interview with the school’s support teachers and Careers Adviser.

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

*If there are issues connecting to the Parent Portal, please contact Matt at school (via the school phone number or email) as we will work to make the necessary updates.*



### Act For Peace - Ration Challenge

Our school’s Amnesty Group is registered for the Ration Challenge, being run by Act for Peace – and our team members have already raised well over \$2000! This is a fantastic effort, placing us fifth out of over one hundred schools across Australia in terms of total money raised.

The challenge itself involves students volunteering to eat the same rations as a Syrian refugee during **Refugee Week (16-23 June 2019)** - just a small amount of rice, flour, lentils, chick peas, beans, fish and oil - and getting sponsored to do this. The money raised by everyone involved will provide food, medicine and education for refugees as well as supporting other communities around the world threatened by conflict and disaster.

If you would like to sponsor our school team, please go to <https://school.rationchallenge.org.au/st-marys-senior-high-school> - or maybe you would prefer to sponsor someone you know in the challenge? You can find our team members via the link – and support support the whole school team.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK, 27 MAY - 3 JUNE 2019

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, "Grounded in Truth Walk Together With Courage" reminds us that at the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, this relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. As Reconciliation Australia have identified, Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand, value and respect each other.

At our school, our SRC students as Cluster Leaders will be presenting information during Cluster Meetings as well as encouraging all students to become involved in a traditional string activity, led by Kerri-Anne Brown and members of her team. Kerri-Anne has also organised a display in the school library as part of the week's activities.

We look forward to a wonderful week!








## This week @ SMSHS

Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May
<b>WEEK A</b> <b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Sydney West Knockout Table Tennis Girls European Handball Gala Day Bring It On Rehearsals Year 11 SLR – task due Year 12 Dance – topic test Year 12 Music 1 – Vive voce presentation Year 12 Science Extension – Statistical analysis due	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Year 11 Biology Field Trip to Sydney Olympic Park Boys European Handball Gala Day School Council Meeting, 6pm in the front office Year 11 PDHPE – Composition Task Year 12 Music 1 – Vive voce presentation	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Year 11 Biology Field Trip to Sydney Olympic Park Excursion to Lakemba Mosque and Night Markets Year 11 SLR – task due Year 12 Music 1 – Vive voce presentation	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b> MSA Fundraiser – Multicoloured Mufti Day UBS Economics Lectures Excursion Year 11 SLR – task due Year 12 Music 1 – Vive voce presentation	<b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Writing workshop during Period 1 Author's presentation at Recess in the library Year 11 SLR – task due Year 12 Music 1 – Vive voce presentation
Monday 3 June	Tuesday 4 June	Wednesday 5 June	Thursday 6 June	Friday 7 June
<b>WEEK B</b> <b>National Reconciliation Week</b> Bring It On Rehearsals SMSHS Athletics Carnival @ Blair Oval	Year 12 Biology Excursion to the Museum of Human Diseases Year 12 Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, starting at 4pm Year 11 Studies of Religion 2 – Essay due	Year 12 Biology Excursion to the Museum of Human Diseases	Period Zero Task - Year Chemistry Topic Test Year 12 Engineering Studies – Task due Year 12 Studies of Religion 1 – task due	Science Excursion to the Garvan Institute PULSE Rehearsals

### Our Staff Teams

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

### Contact us

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