



# Our School Newsletter

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School Council President: Ross Abbott

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### Important Dates – Term 2 2019

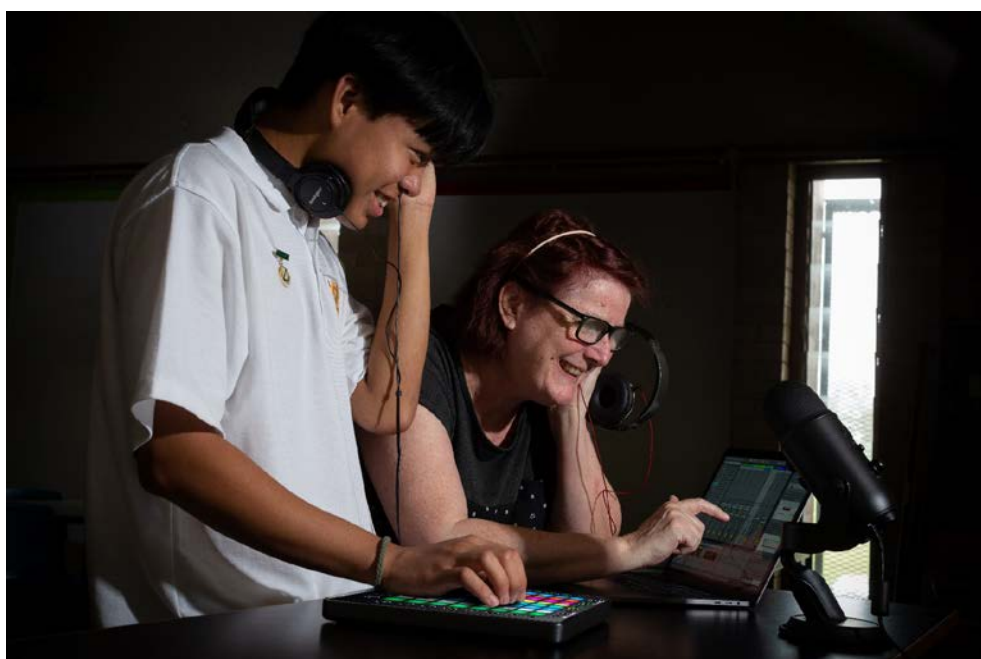
W7	Mon 10 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday
W7	Wed 12 Jun	ValYOU Day <i>Blue mufti day and activities</i>
W9	Tues 25 Jun	School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front Office</i>
W9	Wed 26 Jun	Student-Parent-Teacher Evening, Year 11 2019 <i>Library, 4pm – 8pm</i>
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Western Sydney Careers Expo, Year 12 students
W9	Fri 28 Jun	Seminar Day, Year 11 students
W10	Fri 5 Jul	Last day of term for students and staff

## Principal's Report

We have just finished another fantastic athletics carnival at Blair Oval with records being broken, personal best performances being exceeded and fun had by all. Thank you to Jo Brines for her organisation of this wonderful event and the support provided by her team and other staff to ensure the carnival ran smoothly.

This week our enrolment panel met over two days to go through non local enrolment applications for Year 11 2020. I would like to thank both our teaching staff

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## Principal's Report continued

and our non-teaching staff for their work on ensuring each application was reviewed at least twice. I would also like to thank Kerry Burns, President of Pemulwuy Aboriginal Education Consultative Group for being part of the panel this year. Every applicant will receive a letter around July, indicating the outcome of the panel.



Year 12 Semester 1 Reports were released at the end of Week 4, providing important feedback for students at this stage of their Higher School Certificate studies. Following on from the reports was our first Student, Parent, Teacher Evening for the year, held for Year 12 students and their parents on Tuesday 4 June. During the evening we were able to discuss each student's progress and provide valuable information as we move towards the Trial and Higher School Certificate Examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their time on the evening as we engaged in this important element of our reporting process. We look forward to meeting with Year 11 students and their parents at their Student, Parent, Teacher Evening on Wednesday 26 June. Year 11 Semester 1 Reports will be issued during Week 7 and this evening allows students and parents the opportunity to review their progress as they move into the final period of their Year 11 studies.

In Term 3, Year 12 Trial HSC and Year 11 Examinations will be held commencing on Monday 5 August and concluding on Friday 23 August. During this time period we will not be granting travel leave to students and it is expected that students will be present for their examinations on the published dates. The examination timetable will be made available to students during the coming week. If a student is absent from an examination due to illness, they must follow the school's processes for misadventure as outlined in the school assessment booklet issued to all students at the commencement of their course.

Finally, keep an eye out on our social media pages for students participating in the Ration Challenge. Students have already raised over \$4000 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*



## SMSHS athletics carnival 2019

A great day was had by all at our school athletics carnival on Monday 3 June. We were very lucky with the weather, which helped contribute to a day that was once again full of spirit, colour, athleticism and comradery. Our students embraced the day and all who attended are to be commended for the way they represented themselves and our school.

The level of participation and cluster spirit was extremely impressive with many students displaying solid performances in both track and field events. Well done to all athletes for your efforts on the day, your ability to run, jump, and throw all day is a credit to your dedication and support of the carnival.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the title of age champions:

- 16 years girls – Linae Williams
- 16 years boys – Joshua Rodgers
- 17/18 years girls – Olivia Hoffman
- 17/18 years boys – Jordan Peterson



There were many records broken on the day. These included:

16 years girls	100m	Linae Williams	13.63
	200m	Linae Williams	31.21
	400m	Linae Williams	1.12.72
	800m	Chloe Appleby	3.07.13
	Long Jump	Sarah Woods	4.03m
	Shot Put	Linae Williams	6.89m
	Discus	Linae Williams	26.11m
16 years boys	100m	Joshua Rodgers	11.5
	Long Jump	Joshua Rodgers	6.18m
	High Jump	Joshua Rodgers	1.83m
17/18 years girls	200m	Violet Wetsteyn	30.75
	400m	Olivia Hoffman	1.17.52
	Long Jump	Olivia Hoffman	4.39m
	High Jump	Olivia Hoffman	1.40m
	Discus	Violet Wetsteyn	29.83m
17/18 years boys	100m	Yul Kwon	11.51
	200m	Yul Kwon	24.64
	400m	Michael Harvey	58.19
	Long Jump	Jordan Petersen	5.51m
	High Jump	Jacob Botros	1.7m

Students were awarded points towards their cluster for participating in events. The results of the cluster points are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Cluster 9
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cluster 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cluster 7
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cluster 5
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Cluster 8
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Cluster 3
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Cluster 2



Students were also awarded points for their year group depending on the results of events. These results are then combined with our Year 11 v Year 12 sports later in the term to decide the winner of the Farmer Cup. From the athletics carnival Year 11 convincingly defeated Year 12, 692 points to 380 points.

At the conclusion of the track events, we had time for some novelty events. There was fierce competition in the egg and spoon relay and the sack races. It was great to see students let loose and give it their all in these highly competitive events.

Thank you to all staff and students for your support of the athletics carnival. It was a wonderful day that highlighted not only our talented athletes but also our great school spirit.

***Jo Brines***

*Sports Organiser*



*Novelty events at the carnival*











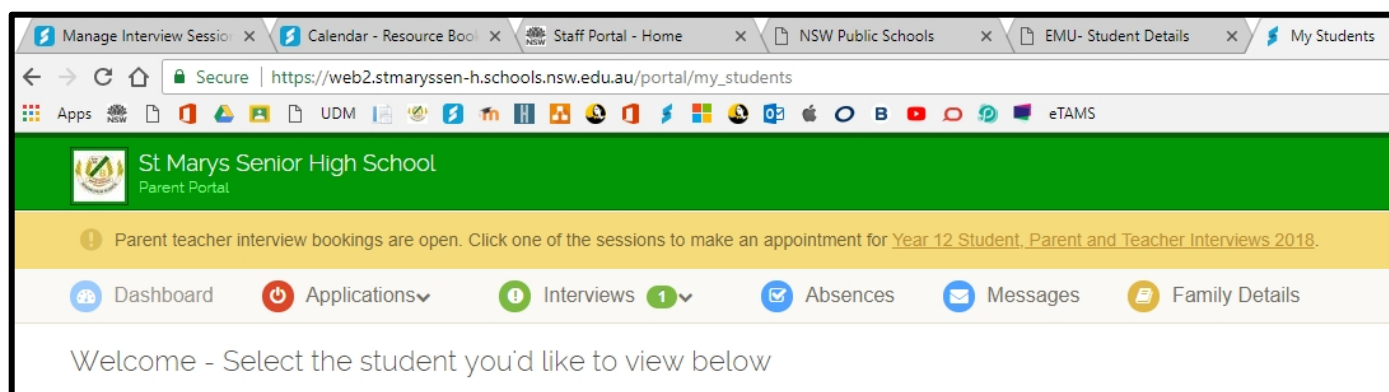
## Making times for Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews @ SMSHS

St Marys Senior High School's Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews for Year 11 will take place on **Wednesday 26 June 2018 from 4pm to 8pm** in the school library.

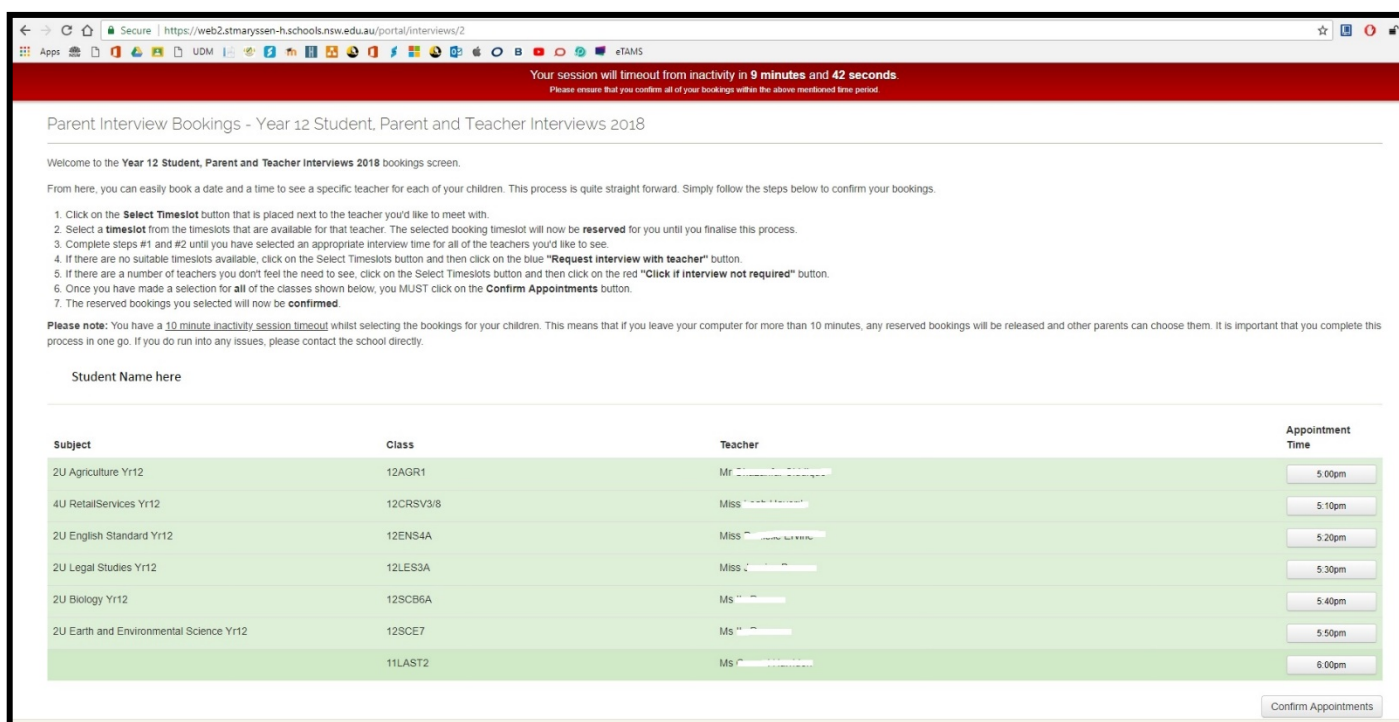
Parents have the opportunity to set up interviews with their child's teachers through the Parent Portal **by 3:20 pm on Tuesday 25 June**. **Please note interviews are by appointment only.**

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 17 June 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 web interface for booking appointments. At the top, there's a 'Timeslots' section for '05/06/2018 Tue'. It displays a grid of time slots from 4:00pm to 7:50pm in 10-minute increments. Some slots are highlighted in green (available), while others are greyed out (unavailable). A red button labeled 'Not required' is in the top right corner of the timeslot grid. Below the grid is a blue button that says 'Request interview with teacher'. To the right of the timeslot grid is a section titled 'Appointment Time' which includes a 'Not Attending' button and a list of specific time slots from 5:10pm to 6:00pm. At the bottom right of the interface is a grey button labeled 'Confirm Appointments'.

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 \$4000! This is an amazing effort, placing us in the top ten 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 the whole school team.






## This week @ SMSHS

Monday 10 June	Tuesday 11 June	Wednesday 12 June	Thursday 13 June	Friday 14 June
<b>WEEK A</b>  <b>Queen's Birthday Long Weekend</b>	<b>Year 11 Legal Studies</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Legal Studies</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Physics</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Society and Culture</b> – Task due	<b>ValYOU Day – Blue mufti day and activities, raising money for BeyondBlue</b>  <b>RAW Excursion – FRUIT Day</b>  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase	<b>Year 12 Agriculture</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Modern History</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase	<b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase
Monday 17 June	Tuesday 18 June	Wednesday 19 June	Thursday 20 June	Friday 21 June
<b>WEEK B</b>  <b>Bring It On Rehearsals</b>  <b>Year 11 Agriculture</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Drama</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase	<b>Year 11 CAFS Scavenger Hunt Excursion</b>  <b>Year 11 Society and Culture</b> – Task due  <b>Year 11 Studies of Religion I</b> – Task due  <b>Year 11 Visual Arts</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Drama</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Food Technology</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase	<b>Year 11 and 12 Drama Excursion – “Neighbourhood Watch”</b>  <b>Year 11 Economics</b> – Task due  <b>Year 11 Food Technology</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase  <b>Year 12 Studies of Religion II</b> – Task due	<b>Period Zero Task - Year 12 Mathematics</b>  <b>Year 11 CAFS Scavenger Hunt Excursion</b>  <b>Year 11 IPT</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Biology</b> – Skills test  <b>Year 12 Business Studies</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Drama</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Standard Maths</b> – Task due  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase  <b>Year 12 Textiles</b> – Task due	<b>Year 12 Biology</b> – Skills test  <b>Year 12 Multimedia</b> – Project Showcase

## 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

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