



Our School Newsletter

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

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Important Dates – Term 3 2019

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| W1 | Tues 23 Jul | First day of Term 3 for students |
| W2 | Tues 30 Jul | School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front Office</i> |
| W2 | Wed 31 Jul | Opportunity Class Placement Test <i>8am, MPC</i> |
| W3 | Mon 5 Aug | Start of the school exam period, Year 11 and Year 12 |
| W5 | Fri 23 Aug | Last day of the school exam period, Year 11 and Year 12 |
| W6 | Tues 27 Aug | School Council Meeting <i>6pm, Front Office</i> |
| W9 | Tues 17 Sep | Heritage Day |
| W10 | Mon 23 Sep | School Captain 2020 Elections, <i>Period 4, MPC</i> |
| W10 | Tues 24 Sep | Major Works Assembly |
| W10 | Wed 25 Sep | Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal |
| W10 | Thur 26 Sep | Year 12 Graduation <i>Penrith Panthers</i> |
| W10 | Fri 27 Sep | Year 11 Seminar Day #2 |

Principal's Report

In my newsletter items I often discuss the different flavours of each school term and term three is no different. Term three is filled with significant milestones for both Year 11 and Year 12. It can be exciting and filled with anticipation as Year 12 move to independence beyond formal schooling as well as sad, and for some challenging for the same reasons. Year 11 will complete their final term of the Preliminary Higher School Certificate Course before moving into Year 12 next term. This is a very exciting time for them and their families. These milestones will occur whilst other significant events take place: Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, Year 11 examination period, Heritage Day, Majors Works Assembly and our first

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Principal's Report continued

Wear It Purple Day at the end of August.

In our last newsletter, I spoke about our Bring It On Dancers competing in the heats of the Bring It On Competition. I am very pleased to report that our team, led by Donna and Jesse have made it through to the Grand Finals again and will compete again this term against schools across the state. Danielle and I were privileged to see their performance which was full of energy and meticulously choreographed by the student choreographers.



As mentioned earlier, this term our students will be hosting our first Wear It Purple Day at the end of August to show our support for LGBTQI+ students and their families. The first value of St Marys Senior High School is inclusiveness and all of our students should feel safe and valued, never feeling unsafe or alone. The principles behind Wear It Purple Day are based around celebrating diversity and inclusion in all community settings, empowering young people and challenging harmful social cultures. Thank you to our team of students for their work and our staff allies for providing support to our students to ensure that everyone feels valued at St Marys.

I hope all our students and their families have had a wonderful holiday and are ready to face term three after the holidays. Best wishes in your preparation for your examinations starting in week three.

Sally Smithard

Principal



After hours tutorial program – Term 3 2019

In addition to support during school hours, we provide tailored support in subjects across the curriculum outside of our regular school day, as seen on the schedule provided over the page.

If you are keen to attend any of the sessions, please be sure to see the teacher running the tutorial for a permission note. Many students have already done this in Terms 1 and 2 – but if you are keen to join a tutorial this term, please be sure to return your permission note to your Tutorial Teacher prior to attending any tutorial sessions.

If you have any questions, please see Leah in the Deputy Principal Office at your earliest convenience.

| TERM 3 2019 | | | | | |
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| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 7.15am - 8.15am BEFORE SCHOOL | Chemistry – Year 11 Ghaz Siddique ER0021 | | Chemistry – Year 11 Rosemary Spears CTR0005 | | Chemistry – Year 12 Ghaz Siddique ER0021 |
| 3.30pm - 4.30pm AFTER SCHOOL | | Maths All levels Reuben De Rooy AR1046 | Biology Jessica Rouse ER0015 | Physics Waran Sabaratnam ER0013 | |
| | | Society and Culture Dean Newbold AR0061 | | Table Top Games Matt Topp Tech Centre | |

Teacher support available in the Learning Centre – Term 3 2019

Teachers are available each lesson throughout the week in the Learning Centre to provide ongoing support and assistance to students. Please see the schedule provided below – and see Carmel, Dianne or Nicole in the Learning Centre if you have any questions or concerns.

| WEEK A | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 8:20 AM | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 6B | JAN HSIE 1A | JAN HSIE 7B | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4A | ANIL MATHS 8A |
| 9:32 AM | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 4A | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6A | WENDY COMMERCIAL / RETAIL 5A | CHRIS MATHS 1A | ROBYN ENGLISH 2A |
| 10:44 AM | | | | | |
| 11:14 AM | DONNA ENGLISH/DANCE 1B | ILA SCIENCE 7A | LEE COMMERCIAL 2A | DONNA ENGLISH/DANCE 5A | NICOLE ENGLISH / LAST 3A |
| 12:26 PM | JESS COMMERCIAL 5B | LEE COMMERCIAL 3A | ANIL MATHS 8A | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6A | NICOLE ENGLISH / LAST 7A |
| 1:38 AM | | | | | |
| 2:08 PM | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 8B | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 4B | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 3B | JESS COMMERCIAL 2B | Open to 2.08 8C |
| 3:20 PM | | | | | |
| WEEK B | | | | | |
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 8:20 AM | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4A | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 3A | WENDY COMMERCIAL / RETAIL 5B | MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 2B | NICOLE ENGLISH / LAST 7A |
| 9:32 AM | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 6B | ILA SCIENCE 7B | SUN HWA KOREAN / JAPANESE 2B | JESS COMMERCIAL 1B | ANDREW COMMERCIAL 3B |
| 10:44 AM | | | | | |
| 11:14 AM | JESS COMMERCIAL 1B | CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6A | LEE COMMERCIAL 7B | ROBYN ENGLISH 4B | ROBYN ENGLISH 2A |
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| 3:20 PM | | | | | |

EXAM RULES – SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

- A. **All students should place their Student ID card** face up on their examination table at the start of each examination.
- B. **All Year 12 students are required to use their NESAs number** for these examinations.
- C. **No computers, iPads, iPods/MP3 Players, iWatches etc** can be taken into an exam venue. Students should not bring these to school on the day of their exams
- D. **Bags will be permitted in exam venues. They must be placed in the area designated by the examination supervisors. Mobile phones must be switched off and left in your bag.** If your phone rings during the examination, it will be removed from the examination room and given to the Principal or Deputy Principal. Students who do not comply with these rules will not be able to take their bags into the examination room. Any student found in the possession of a phone will be considered malpractice and a mark penalty of zero will apply.
- E. **No hats/hoods to be worn** (for ID purposes) **or blankets** to be taken into the exam room
- F. **All watches are to be removed** and placed on the right-hand-side of your desk
- G. If you wish to take **water** into the examination room, it **must be in a clear bottle**
- H. **Pencil cases must be colourless and transparent.**
- I. **Students should bring several pens** into the exam venue. They should be placed in a **clear plastic sleeve or a colourless and transparent pencil case**
- J. **No tissue boxes can be taken into the exam rooms** (supervisors will supply tissues if required)
- K. **Students will not be permitted to leave an examination room early.** All students will be required to remain in the examination room for the duration of their examination.

Selection process for our School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2020

The positions of School Captain and School Vice Captain are important student leadership roles in our school community. In these roles, our student leaders both represent our school to the broader community and perform a large number of important functions within our own school community on top of their ongoing Higher School Certificate studies.

To apply to be considered for one of these positions, students must:

1. Have a consistently high standard of behaviour.
2. Be punctual to school and have an overall school attendance record in Year 11 of at least 90% (or have independent documentation that explains a lower level of school attendance e.g. illness covered by medical certificates).
3. Wear school dress code appropriately.
4. Demonstrate the ability to lead peers and have confidence in public settings.
5. Demonstrate diligence in learning activities.
6. Consistently demonstrate the values of SMSHS.

If you meet these criteria and wish to be considered for this position, you are required to:

1. Ensure each section of the application form is fully completed – these forms can be found outside the school's front office and on Skoolbag, as of Monday 25 June 2019.
2. Provide your parent/caregiver's supporting statement **of no more than 200 words** which outlines their support for your application.
3. Provide a response of **no more than 800 words** which outlines what you believe the position of School Captain involves and what you bring to the role at St Marys Senior High School (again this must be in N12 font, either Arial or Times New Roman with one and a half line spacing).

These three items must be submitted in hard copy form to Danielle Ervine, the Deputy Principal for Year 11 2019, by 3:20 pm on Friday 26 July 2019.

These items, along with your teacher referee statements and other school records will be considered by our selection panel during the School Examination Period in Term 3 2019.

- In Term 3 Week 6, those applicants selected to proceed to interview will be notified of their appointment time.
- Those applicants selected through the interview process to stand for election will be required to present a speech to Year 11 2019 in Term 3 Week 10 on Monday 23 September, the results of the election being announced at the Major Works Assembly on Tuesday 24 September.



Design the school diary cover for 2020

An opportunity for students in Year 12 2020 to design the cover of our school diary

Guidelines:

1. All of the design work must be your own.
2. The diary will be 21 cm wide and 25.5 cm tall.
3. Your design can be made up of a single design (goes on the front and back covers of the diary) OR can include a design for the front cover and a design for the back cover.
4. Your design can be submitted as a hard copy or as a PDF.
5. Your front design will have a school crest placed on it – you may wish to indicate where the crest will go on your design.
6. Your design should include the following phrases:
 - St Marys Senior High School
 - School Diary 2020
7. Your design should be based on the theme “Inclusiveness”, the first of our school values.
8. You need to submit your design to Leah **by 3:20 pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019**.
9. Your design will be submitted to the panel which will decide on the winning design.

Do you have any questions? Please contact Leah (leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au) when you get the chance!

Heritage Day at SMSHS 2019

Heritage Day is a very important annual event on our school calendar, when we get to celebrate the diversity in our community as well as raising much-needed funds to help World Vision with their work around the world.

Our Student Representative Council are already working on the preparation for our celebrations for this year – and we know they have some amazing things planned for Tuesday 17 September!

There are many elements to the day, and the team have already put their application form together for students who would like to have a stall. If this applies to you, be sure to pick up a form from near the front office when you can!

SMSHS HERITAGE DAY 2019
APPLICATION FORM FOR
stalls!
Wanting to be apart of Heritage Day Stalls 2019? Then this is the sheet for you! HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT STEPS TO TAKE!

1. Fill out form and return to FRONT OFFICE by JULY 26 (Friday)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT THE STALLS ORGANIZATION TEAM

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Ashutosh Sharma - 0426872260
Jasmeet Kaur - 0452295252
Juan Sausa - 0406656836
Lowrence Maring - 0466915306
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HERITAGE DAY IS ON
SEPTEMBER 17!






This week @ SMSHS

| Monday 22 July | Tuesday 23 July | Wednesday 24 July | Thursday 25 July | Friday 26 July |
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| WEEK A School Development Day – Staff Only Bring It On Rehearsals, 1:40pm – 4pm | | Farmer Cup, Year 11 V Year 12, Lunch in the MPC, Dodgeball | | Year 12 – Drama Excursion to Belvoir Robotics Competition – The Duel Down Under Tournament End of Year Trek Training Day Bring It On Rehearsals, 12:36pm – 3:20pm |
| Monday 29 July | Tuesday 30 July | Wednesday 31 July | Thursday 1 August | Friday 2 August |
| WEEK B Bring It On Rehearsals, 1:40pm – 4pm | School Council Meeting, 6pm, School Office HSC Dance Showcase, Evening, Victoria Block | | | Bring It On Rehearsals, 12:36pm – 3:20pm HSC Drama Showcase, Evening, Victoria Block |

Our Staff Teams

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| 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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