



# Our School Newsletter

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School Captains: Neha Bhatt and Avisha Khan

School Council President: Ross Abbott

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### Important Dates – Term 3 2019

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

### Important Dates – Term 4 2019

W1	Wed 16 Oct	Year 11 2020 Enrolment Evening #1
W1	Thurs 17 Oct	Year 11 2020 Enrolment Evening #2
W1	Thurs 17 Oct	HSC exams begin
W2	Tues 22 Oct	School Council Meeting 6pm, <i>Front Office</i>
W5	Mon 11 Nov	Year 12 2019 Sign Out Day #1
W5	Tues 12 Nov	Year 12 2019 Sign Out Day #2
W5	Wed 13 Nov	Year 12 2019 Formal
W8	Tues 3 Dec	Presentation Day
W9	Mon 9 Dec	Year 11 2020 Confirmation Day
W9 and W10	Thur 12 Dec – Fri 20 Dec	End of Year Trek - Jugungal
W10	Mon 16 Dec – Wed 18 Dec	Collaroy Leadership Camp
W10	Mon 16 Dec – Wed 18 Dec	School Leadership Program

## 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 examinations early next term.

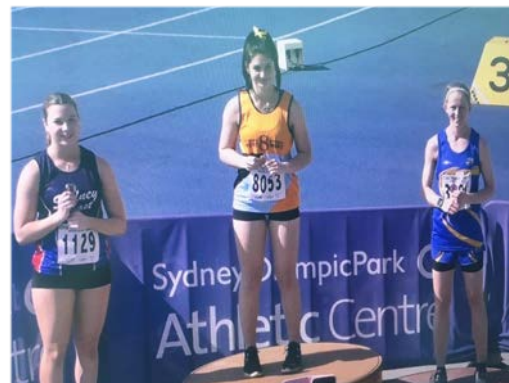
On Saturday evening Danielle and myself had the pleasure of attending the Grand Finals of "Bring it On", Sydney 2019 at Norwest to see our students compete. To make it to the Grand Final is an amazing achievement and all of our students should feel proud. I am so proud of you and the way you represented our school, supported each other and supported students from other schools. 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 this level, 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

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

Senior High School. I would also like to thank all the other students from our school who went along to show their support to their peers.

Congratulations to Lianna Davidson in Year 11 who won gold at the NSW Combined High Schools Athletics Championships in the 17 years javelin. In her age group Lianna is a world class athlete and someone we should all be watching as she continues to shine in athletics.



The grounds of St Marys Senior High School are currently filled with some amazing displays of art as part of Year 11 Visual Art students' art installations. Students have battled the windy weather to ensure our outdoor art gallery can be enjoyed by all. Thank you to Sharon and Benita for their work and support of our students.

The final two weeks at St Marys Senior High School continue to be busy but also these weeks allow us to sit back, celebrate and reflect on our achievements. Please keep up to date via Skoolbag, Facebook and our website. In Week 9 we will be celebrating the seventy-six cultures that contribute to our school through Heritage Day and our second Colour Run.

In the last week of Term 3 we will find out who our Student Leadership Team will be for 2020 when students vote for School Captains and Vice-Captains. All the candidates are quality candidates and I wish them all the best for the speeches and the election. Accompanying the elections in Week 10 will be a time for celebration for Year 12 with the Major Works Celebrations and the Year 12 Graduation. Both of these events celebrate and showcase the achievements of Year 12 and I am looking forward to both of these immensely. I would like to thank those faculties who are leading these three major events: the TAS/PDHPE Faculty (Heritage Day), the Commercial Studies Faculty (Major Works Assembly) and the Science Faculty (Year 12 Graduation Ceremony). Their contributions ensure that our school community embeds a culture of honouring the achievements of the students of St Marys Senior High School.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



Heritage Day @ SMSHS 2019		
Time	Activity	Venue
8.20 am – 9.20 am	Period 1 classes <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>	Classrooms <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>
9.20 am – 10.20 am	Period 2 classes <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>	Classrooms <i>As per timetable Tues Wk A</i>
10.20 am – 10.30 am	Student entry to assembly	MPC
10.30 am – 12.00 pm	Assembly	MPC
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Stalls and performances	Grounds and MPC
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Colour Run	South Creek Oval





Make sure to bring a white full sleeve on the day to participate

**\*\* If you choose not to participate in the Colour Run, please remain in the school grounds during the time of the activity \*\***

**\*\* If you have returned a note, opting out of the Colour Run, please report to Leah in the front office at 1:30 pm \*\***



## Major Works Assembly – Tuesday 24 September 2019

On Tuesday 24 September we will be holding our annual Major Works Assembly, to celebrate the outstanding HSC works in a number of subjects across the school. To facilitate this assembly, the adjusted bell times shown below will be in place for the day:

Period 1	8.20 am – 9.15 am
<b>Major Works Assembly and Recess</b>	<b>9.15 am – 11.15 am</b>
Period 2	11.15 am – 12.05 pm
Period 3	12.05 pm – 12.55 pm
Period 4	12.55 pm – 1.50 pm
Lunch	1.50 pm – 2.20 pm
Period 5	2.20 pm – 3.20 pm

*Because of the special nature of this ceremony, we remind students that **full school dress code** (white school shirt, appropriate pants/skirt, appropriate footwear) is expected on this day.*



## Graduation for Year 12 2019 – Thursday 26 September 2019

On Thursday 26 September our school will celebrate the graduation of the Year 12 class of 2019. 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 26 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 27 September, a seminar day has been arranged for Year 11 students regarding their transition into Year 12 2020. Lyn Tuckwell, our Careers Adviser and a Student Adviser for Year 11 2019 has arranged a number of guest speakers and activities for the day. *Please see the details of the Seminar Day on the following page.*



## Year 11 Seminar Day 2 – Friday 27 September 2019

On Friday 27 September we will be holding our second seminar day for Year 11 2019, in preparation for the start of Year 12 next term. The day will start at normal school time and students are to follow the regular school dress code for the day.

Some points about the day:

- No regular classes will run on the day.
- Year 11 students should be assembled by 8.15 am to enter the MPC promptly at 8.20 am.
- All sessions are compulsory to attend, and rolls will be marked throughout the day.
- The day will conclude at 12.40 pm
- The timetable for the day has been emailed to students, will be posted on Skoolbag and there will be posters around the school regarding the arrangements for the day.

We look forward to a fantastic day!

**Lynette Tuckwell**

Student Adviser, Year 11 2019

Careers Adviser

<b>Year 11 Seminar Day 2, Friday 27 September 2019</b>				
	<b>GROUP 1</b> <b>Surnames A-D</b>	<b>GROUP 2</b> <b>Surnames E-K</b>	<b>GROUP 3</b> <b>L-R (Raza)</b>	<b>GROUP 4</b> <b>R (Redcliffe) – Z</b>
<i>Session 1</i> 8.20 – 8.50	All students assemble in the MPC for issuing of Year 12 timetables and HSC assessment schedules			
<i>Session 2</i> 8.50 – 9.40	<b>ALUMNI PANEL</b> Tech Centre	<b>SCHOOLIES UNEARTHED</b> Lecture Theatre	<b>TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS</b> AR1031, 1032 (Maths rooms)	<b>UNI PANEL</b> Library
<i>Session 2</i> 9.40 – 10.30	<b>UNI PANEL</b> Library	<b>ALUMNI PANEL</b> Tech Centre	<b>SCHOOLIES UNEARTHED</b> Lecture Theatre	<b>TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS</b> AR1031, AR1032 (Maths rooms)
<i>Recess</i> 10.30 – 11.00				
<i>Session 3</i> 11.00 – 11.50	<b>TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS</b> AR1031, 1032 (Maths rooms)	<b>UNI PANEL</b> Library	<b>ALUMNI PANEL</b> Tech Centre	<b>SCHOOLIES UNEARTHED</b> Lecture Theatre
<i>Session 4</i> 11.50 – 12.40	<b>SCHOOLIES UNEARTHED</b> Lecture Theatre	<b>TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS</b> AR1031, AR1032 (Maths rooms)	<b>UNI PANEL</b> Library	<b>ALUMNI PANEL</b> Tech Centre

## Year 12 Sign Out 2019

Please see the copy below of the letter to be issued to Year 12 2019 regarding signing out of school at the end of this year.



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## How to sign out from SMSHS in 2019

**There are two sign out days. They are:**

**Monday 11 November and Tuesday 12 November**

- On sign out day you need to have your **student card with you** and **any outstanding school resources** e.g. textbooks, sport uniforms, CAPA supplies etc.
- Please do not bring any friends from outside of school or family members onsite with you on sign out day
- To sign out you need to complete your Exit Survey.
  - This will be completed as a Google Form which will be emailed to you late in Term 3 – please come with the survey completed, because otherwise we will need you to complete it on the day when you come into school.

You should follow the steps below to complete your sign out from our school:

**Step 1:** On arrival at school, collect the sign out forms from the office.

**Step 2:** Proceed to the library to return textbooks issued by the library and any library books. The librarian or library officers will sign your form to indicate all resources have been returned.

**Step 3:** In the library, see the Exit Survey Officer who will sign off that your exit survey has been completed.

**Step 4:** In the library, see the Careers Adviser to sign your form.

**Step 5:** Proceed to the Maths and CAPA Staffrooms to return any outstanding textbooks or resources.

**Step 6:** Return to the office before 2.00 pm to finalise your fees and collect your portfolio as well as your formal ticket (if you have purchased one).

## Tell Them From Me 2019

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative, the *Tell Them From Me* survey. This survey has three vital components:

1. **A student feedback survey** - This part of the survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.
2. **A parent and carer feedback survey** – This part of the survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers' views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.
3. **A staff feedback survey** – This part of the survey draws on the experiences and reflections of our teaching staff to look at a range of different elements of our school community and organisation.

More information about the three parts of this survey, including a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document, is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. We will be providing students, families and staff with the details of how to complete the survey via an email from me shortly. The survey closes on 25 October to allow for the data to be compiled and then analysed to inform our practice moving forward.

We would like to emphasise that participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, and that all materials connected to the survey (including the survey itself) are available in 23 different languages.

**Matthew Topp**

*Head Teacher, Computing Studies*

*Technology Coordinator*





## Share the care with schools

Changes in your child or young person's mental health can affect their schooling and relationships, however support is available for school students experiencing mental health concerns.

**Please let your school know if your child or young person has presented at or been admitted to hospital for mental health issues so they can discuss further support.**

You or an advocate can talk to the Principal, Deputy Principal, Year Advisor, Head Teacher Welfare or School Counsellor/Psychologist to develop a plan.

### Ask your school for help with:

- Keeping your child or young person safe.
- Returning to school following a mental health crisis.
- Identifying school staff your child or young person can talk to.
- Developing an individual support plan to help stay connected with school during tough times. This might include flexibility around school hours, homework or catching up with school work.
- Accessing support from the school and outside agencies.

## Services that can help

**Ambulance, Police or Fire**  
Dial 000 (Triple 0)

**Kids Helpline**  
1800 55 1800

**Lifeline**  
13 11 14

**Mental Health Line**  
1800 011 511

**Suicide Call Back Service:**  
1300 659 467

**headspace** (12-25 year olds)  
1800 650 890 or [eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au)

**beyondblue**  
1300 22 46 36

**Online Chat:**  
[beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support](http://beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support)

**Poisons Information NSW**  
13 11 26



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## This week @ SMSHS

Monday 16 Sept	Tuesday 17 Sept	Wednesday 18 Sept	Thursday 19 Sept	Friday 20 Sept
<b>WEEK A</b>  Year 11 English Advanced, Standard and EAL/D – Multimodal Task due  Year 11 Multimedia – Project due	<b>Heritage Day 2019</b>	Year 11 Drama – Project due  Year 11 English Ext 1 – Multimodal Task due  Year 11 SDD – Group project due	Year 11 Design & Technology - Project due  Year 11 English EAL/D – Presentation due  Year 11 Modern History – Task due	Year 11 Drama – Project due  Year 11 Studio Drawing – Task due
Monday 23 Sept	Tuesday 24 Sept	Wednesday 25 Sept	Thursday 26 Sept	Friday 27 Sept
<b>WEEK B</b>  School Captain Elections – Periods 3 and 4  Year 11 Dance – Task due  Year 11 English EAL/D – Presentation due  Year 11 Photography – Task due	<b>Major Works Assembly – adjusted bell times</b>  Year 11 Dance – Task due  Year 11 English EAL/D – Presentation due	<b>Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal – Periods 3 and 4</b>	<b>Year 12 Graduation</b>	<b>Year 11 Seminar Day #2</b>  Year 11 Music 1 – Task due  Year 11 Music 2 – Task due

### 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	Leah Havord
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager	Steven Mulligan
- 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
	Carly McPherson
Careers Adviser:	Lyn Tuckwell

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