

# Our School Newsletter



*Mente manūque - With mind and hand*

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

## TERM 2 WEEKS 5 AND 6

25 May – 5 June 2020

### Important Dates – Term 2 2020

W5	Tues 26 May	School Council Meeting <i>Zoom Meeting, 6pm</i>
W6	Fri 5 Jun	Closing date for applications Year 11 2021
W7	Mon 8 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
W8	Tues 16 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, <i>Year 12 2020</i> <i>Rescheduled from Jun 2, pending DoE advice</i>
W9	Tues 23 Jun	School Council Meeting <i>Front office, 6pm</i> <i>Details to be advised</i>
W9	Wed 24 Jun	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, <i>Year 11 2020</i> <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W9	Fri 26 Jun	Year 11 Seminar Day - <i>cancelled</i>  Year 12 Careers Market Excursion – <i>cancelled</i>
W10	Fri 3 Jul	Last day of Term 2

### Principal's Report

It is with great excitement that we begin Week 5 with all students returning to school for face to face teaching. As the NSW Government has indicated that schools will move from Phase One to Phase Three, remote learning will cease.

As our classrooms will be full we ask that students ensure that they are following good hygiene practice. We have hand sanitiser throughout the school and our high traffic areas will continue to be cleaned throughout the day. Students may also like to ensure that they have their own travel bottle of hand sanitiser for when they are outside during

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## Protect yourself from viruses

-  **Clean** your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.
-  **Cover** your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
-  **Avoid** close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
-  **Stay home** if you are sick.



**Find the facts**

[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](http://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



## **Principal's Report continued**

breaks. Our bubblers will continue to remain out of use but water bottles can be filled up at the water fountains.

Last Thursday, I provided further information about the return of students to school. You should have received a copy of this electronically as well as information provided by the Department of Education. I am happy to respond to any queries you may have.

We are currently in an academic reporting and feedback phase for Semester 1. Year 12 will be receiving their reports at the start of Week 6 via the Sentral Parent and Student Portal. The NSW Department of Education has restricted access to schools for non-essential visitors and has further advised schools that we are not to proceed with traditional student, parent and teacher interviews. Whilst we assess the best way to continue with these interviews, feel free to make contact with your child's Student Adviser on 02 9623 8333 if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.

Year 11 Semester 1 reports will be issued in the same manner during Week 10. 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 for different groups appear at the end of this newsletter.

It will be a big week next week. We understand that whilst some of our students are excited, others will be a little apprehensive. St Marys Senior High School has a wonderful history and an amazing school spirit where we all support each other. Students are encouraged to utilise our support structures when required to maximise their health and wellbeing, as they move into assessment and examination periods.

**Sally Smithard**

*Principal*



**Applications for Year 11 2021**

A reminder about some important news for students and their families who are keen to apply for a position in Year 11 2021.

We have extended our due date for applications, **to 2:30 pm on Friday 5 June 2020.**

Applications can also now be posted to the school, using the following details:

Attn: Enrolment Secretary  
St Marys Senior High School  
6-48 Kalang Avenue  
St Marys NSW 2760

Applications posted in will be receipted, with receipts being posted back to applicants.

If there are any questions or concerns about an application, a staff member will contact the applicant to address the concern so the application can be resubmitted to the panel for consideration.

The school will also provide the service of a JP if needed. This will be by appointment only. To arrange an appointment, please contact the school during normal school hours in Term 2 on 02 9623 8333.



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK, 27 MAY - 3 JUNE 2020

Each year, National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May until 3 June and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for this week remain the same each year. These dates mark two significant milestones in our reconciliation journey as a nation – the 1967 Referendum acknowledging First Australians, and the High Court Mabo decision, which saw the concept of terra nullius overturned. NRW is preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May.

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, "In this together" encourages all Australians to reflect on the part they play – whether big or small – on our journey towards reconciliation. It is clear that Australia's ability to move forward as a nation relies on individuals, organisations and communities coming together in the spirit of reconciliation.

"When we come together to build mutual respect and understanding, we shape a better future for all Australians." *Karen Mundine, Chief Executive Officer, Reconciliation Australia*





# Returning to school full-time



## Continue to practise good hygiene



Use the hand sanitiser provided in classrooms and schedule regular hand washing reminders.

Wipe down hard surfaces with the disinfectant wipes provided at the start of each lesson. If you do it, you know it is done!



If the student toilets run out of soap, let us know so we can rectify this straight away. They will be checked and cleaned throughout the day.

If you feel sick at school, go to the front office and we will organise for your parents or emergency contacts to collect you from sick bay.



## Continue to practise social distancing

Maybe invent a unique "socially distanced" greeting with your friends!



## If you are not feeling well

Be sure to stay home and ask your parents to contact the school to let us know you will be absent





# Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



## School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



## Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



## School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

### What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/ activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

### What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



## School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



## School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.



## Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.



# Assessment

## **Amended Assessment Booklets for Year 11 and Year 12**

A reminder that the details of our tasks for this term can be found in the amended assessment booklets in the Google Classrooms for Year 11 and Year 12 for

**Term 2 Weeks 1-5 2020**

and

**Term 2 Weeks 6-10 2020**

If students have any questions about assessment tasks found in these booklets and on the school calendar, they should approach their class teachers and faculty head teachers for advice and assistance.



A reminder to pop into the Learning Centre if you need any extra help with course work or assessment tasks. Please see the roster provided below, showing which staff are scheduled on.

<b>LEARNING CENTRE TIMETABLE – TERM 2 2020</b>					
Weeks 5-10, as at 21 May 2020					
<b>WEEK A</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:20 AM	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A	DIANNE HSIE / LAST 7B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 4A	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8A
9:32 AM	MICHAEL MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT 4A	ROSEMARY SCIENCE 6A	KITH MATHS 5A	DAVE COMMERCIAL 1A	ROBERT K ENGLISH 2A
10:44 AM	ROTATING ROSTER	LATHA	SARAH	SUBHAS	ROTATING ROSTER
11:14 AM	DAVE COMMERCIAL 1B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 7A	SUN HWA KOREAN / JAPANESE 2A	DIANNE HSIE / LAST 5A	DAVE SCIENCE 3A
12:26 PM	KITH MATHS 5B	JEREMY ENGLISH / HISTORY 3A	ILA SCIENCE 8A	JAN HSIE 6A	ROBYN A ENGLISH 7A
1:38 PM	CARMEL	ASHLEE	KIM	DIANNE	ROTATING ROSTER
2:08 PM	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8B	MICHAEL MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT 4B	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 3B	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 2B	Open to 2:08 pm
3:20 PM					8C
<b>WEEK B</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:20 AM	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 4A	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 3A	DIANNE HSIE / LAST 5B	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 2B	ROBYN H ENGLISH 7A
9:32 AM	DAVE COMMERCIAL 6B	JEREMY ENGLISH / HISTORY 7B	ANDREW M SCIENCE 2B	JAN HSIE 1B	DAVE SCIENCE 3B
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12:26 PM	DEAN ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5B	SARAH ENGLISH / MOD HIST 4B	JEREMY ENGLISH / HISTORY 8A	DEAN ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5A	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8B
1:38 PM	ANDREW F	JAN	CARLY	REUBEN	ROTATING ROSTER
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# Edrolo

## Activate your account!

Are you studying any of the subjects below?

Year 11	Year 12
Biology	Biology
Chemistry	Chemistry
Physics	Physics
Investigating Science	Investigating Science
Mathematics Standard	Mathematics Standard
Mathematics Advanced	Mathematics Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1	Mathematics Extension 1
Business Studies	Business Studies
Legal Studies	Legal Studies
Studies of Religion I	Studies of Religion I
Studies of Religion II	Studies of Religion II
PDHPE	PDHPE
	Economics
	Geography
	Ancient History
	Modern History
	Community and Family Studies
	English Studies
	English Standard
	English Advanced

**Then, you have an Edrolo account!**

Edrolo is a curriculum focused resource offering students access to theory video lessons and assessment tools to maximise preparation for the HSC exams.

Activate your account by going to: <http://edrolo.com.au/activate/dfs-xwj>

- Enter your details and follow the prompts
- Locate the confirmation email in your inbox and click on the link
- Once in your activated account, check out [Edrolo Student Training](#)

Parents and carers can learn more about this resource by following the link <http://edrolo.com.au/parents>

**After Hours Tutorials, Term 2 Weeks 5-10 2020**

A reminder that these tutorials will recommence in Week 5 – please be sure to see the Tutorial Teacher with any questions or concerns, or if you would like a permission note to attend.

<b>SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable ~ Week A &amp; B - TERM 2, WEEKS 5-10 2020</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b>	12 Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021			12 Biology Jessica 7:20 – 8:20 am ER0015	12 Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021
				Engineering Studies Subhas 7:15 – 8:15 am BR1011	
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>		11 Maths Advanced Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001	11 Maths Standard Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001	12 English Advanced Danielle 3:30 – 4:30 pm ER1001	11 Chemistry Lidija 1:38 – 2:38 pm ER0013
		12 Maths Advanced Reuben 3:30 – 4:30 pm CTR1008	12 Maths Standard Reuben 3:30 – 4:30 pm CTR1008	Drama Workshop Nicole 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005	
		Society and Culture Dean and Kim 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0061	HSIE Faculty members 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0062	Physics Waran 3:20 – 4:30 pm ER0013	
		Music (Vocal Ensemble And Instrumentalists) Michael and Fatima 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR0001	Commercial Studies – Extended Response Writing Skills Salochna 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0063	Year 11 Physics Andrew 3:25 – 4:25 pm ER0015	
			Dance Workshop Mel 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005		

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 25 May	Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
<b>WEEK A</b> <b>Library and Information Week</b> Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 11 Physics – Task due Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice	<b>Library and Information Week</b> School Council Meeting - Zoom Meeting, 6pm Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 12 Studies of Religion 2 – Task due Year 11 Society and Culture – Task due Year 11 Biology field trip - cancelled	<b>Library and Information Week</b> Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 11 Biology field trip – cancelled	<b>Library and Information Week</b> Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Dance – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due	<b>Library and Information Week</b> Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice
Monday 1 June	Tuesday 2 June	Wednesday 3 June	Thursday 4 June	Friday 5 June
<b>WEEK B</b> Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice	Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Year 11 Studies of Religion 2 – Task due	Reconciliation Week 2020 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due	Year 12 Engineering Studies – Task due Year 12 Geography – Task due Year 12 Modern History – Task due Year 12 Music 1 – Task due UAC presentation – cancelled	Closing date for applications – Year 11 2021 Year 12 Music 1 – Task due Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice

### Our Staff Teams

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

### Contact us



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