

# 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 3 WEEKS 1 AND 2

20 – 31 July 2020

### Important Dates – Term 3 2020

W1	Mon 20 Jul	School Development Day
W1	Tues 21 Jul	First day for students Term 3
W2	Mon 27 Jul	Closing date Applications for Year 12 2021
W2	Tues 28 Jul	School Council Meeting, 6pm <b>Zoom Meeting</b>
W3	Mon 3 Aug	Start of school examination period
W5	Fri 21 Aug	End of school examination period
W6	Tues 25 Aug	School Council Meeting, 6pm <b>Details to be advised</b>
W7	Tues 1 Sep	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, Year 11 2020 <b>Details to be advised</b>
W9	Tues 15 Sep	Heritage Day <b>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</b>
W10	Tues 22 Sep	School Council Meeting, 6pm <b>Details to be advised</b>
W10	Tues 22 Sep	Major Works Assembly <b>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</b>
W10	Fri 25 Sep	Year 12 Graduation <b>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</b>

### Principal's Report

In my newsletter items I often discuss the different flavours of each school term and Term 3 is no different. It 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: the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, Year 11 examination period, completion of Year 12 Major Works Projects, Heritage Day (with some modifications to take into account COVID-19 guidelines), and further changes to restrictions within schools. We are all hoping for a smooth, safe and virus-free term.

In regards to the school examination period,

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

students are reminded that if they are unwell they should not attend school and will need to obtain a medical certificate as outlined in the school's assessment policy. If this applies to you, please contact the school (0296238333) or email your Deputy Principal, Danielle ([danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.ervine@det.nsw.edu.au)) or Leah ([leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leah.havord@det.nsw.edu.au)) to let them know that you are not well. You will be provided with an opportunity to complete an alternate examination paper when you are well.

Congratulations to Ruva and Kryzjhynn in Year 11 who, following a video audition have been selected to participate in a Talent Development Project Workshop. This is a fantastic achievement given the large number of remarkable performers who auditioned. This workshop will provide Ruva and Kryzjhynn an opportunity to share their talent over a day of master classes and performance sessions. They will meet other talented young artists at the workshop, as well as a number of professional performers who will share their experience and provide invaluable feedback. Congratulations again to Ruva and Kryzjhynn and thank you to Fatima and Michael for providing such wonderful opportunities.

In this newsletter you will find correspondence from Penrith City Council along with other documents related to road safety. At the school's request following concerns raised in relation to the movement of cars around the campus and in the Ripples precinct, Council kindly conducted an investigation into traffic in the area. Their findings can be found in this newsletter. There has been a definite improvement in traffic flow in the second half of Term 2 and we anticipate that this will continue.

I hope all of our students and their families have had a nice break and found some time to relax, recharge and are ready to face Term 3. Best wishes in your preparation for your examinations starting in Week 3.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*



# PROTECT YOURSELF & THOSE AROUND YOU



STAY AT HOME IF YOU'RE UNWELL



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE, NOSE AND MOUTH



STAY 1.5 METRES AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE COUGHING OR SNEEZING



COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES



WASH HANDS REGULARLY



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22 June 2020

Ms Sally Smithard  
Principal  
St Marys Senior High School

**Via Email:** [SALLY.M.SMITHARD@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:SALLY.M.SMITHARD@det.nsw.edu.au)

Dear Ms Smithard

**Concerns about Parking & Driver Behaviour on Streets Surrounding St Marys Senior High School & Enquiry about Applying for a Gate at the School**

I refer to your email dated 1 June 2020 regarding your concerns about parking and driver behaviour on Kungala Street, St Marys near St Marys Senior High School and your enquiry about applying for a gate on the school fence line that would connect to Creek Road, St Marys. Reference is also made to my interim email dated 1 June 2020 regarding the matters you raised.

Since receiving your email, myself and a number of Council Officers have investigated the matters you raised, and the results of their investigations are listed below.

**Illegal Parking Across Driveways**

Council's Rangers have conducted a number of patrols and inspected the streets surrounding St Marys Senior High School for any instances of illegal parking, including vehicles parking across driveways. They have also logged separate requests to replace a number of faded regulatory parking signs in the vicinity. Council's Parking Rangers will continue to patrol the streets in St Marys CBD, actively enforcing parking in our Council owned car parks and in the streets surrounding the School. Should you, your School staff or the school community witness illegally parked vehicles, please contact Council's Rangers Services Department directly on (02) 4732 7543 or the local Police to attend to the alleged offence.

The Manager of Ripples Aquatic and Recreation Centre has also been alerted to instances of illegal parking and has been advised to contact Council's Ranger should he, staff at Ripples or customers witness instances of illegal parking in the Ripples car parks.

**Dangerous Driving**

A review of Kungala Street has revealed that 'One Way' signage, 'No Entry' signage and pavement arrows are in place on this street to indicate to motorists this driving requirement.

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The Nepean Police Area Command has authority to enforce driving related offences such as motorists driving the incorrect way down Kungala Street. A request has been sent to Nepean Police Area command to conduct patrols on Kungala Street for instances of vehicles driving the incorrect way. Should you, your staff or parents/carers of St Marys Senior High School witness motorists driving the incorrect way down Kungala Street, please report it directly to the local Police.

Council's Rangers do not have delegation to enforce driving offences such as speeding, burnouts or motorists driving in the incorrect way on a road.

### **Road Safety Resources**

Parents/carers and other road users play a role in keeping students safe around schools. These local issues such as illegal parking, and pick-up and drop-off procedures can also be managed by providing additional information to parents and carers.

I have attached the following road safety educational resources that you can share with the school community:

1. School Zone Parking Offences
2. Common Parking Offences
3. Parking in the Wrong Direction of Travel

### **Development Application**

In regard to your enquiry about applying for a gate on the School fence line that will connect to Creek Road, St Marys, Council's Development Advisory Officer has advised that a Development Application (DA) would be required. Council would suggest that the School seek the services of an appropriately qualified and experienced Planner (or certifier) to provide advice and assistance, especially if the proposal is classified as an 'Exempt Development' under the Education Facilities and Child Care Facilities State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) (<https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2017/494/sch1>).

Council cannot determine if development is exempt or not as it is State legislation and determination is required to be undertaken by the applicant (or a certifier) to determine if the proposal complies with the SEPP.

If the addition of a gate to the school property does not fall under exempt of the Education Establishments and Child Care Facilities SEPP, a DA will need to be lodged with Council for the proposed gate. It should be noted that any gate(s) will need to open inward towards the property not outwards onto the Council land. Should you wish to further discuss the development application process, please contact Ms Jill Williams, Development Advisory Officer on (02) 4732 8035.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 4732 8242, during business hours.

Yours faithfully



Wendy Read  
Road Safety Officer

*Attachments*

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*

## FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **you** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones

### NO PARKING

**No waiting.** You have **two minutes** to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within **three metres** of your vehicle



### NO STOPPING

You must not stop on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign. The first **10 metres** from an **intersection** is a no stopping zone. **Yellow kerb** lines are also a no stopping zone.



### BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone



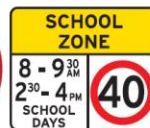
### MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone. *May be subject to Double Demerits.*



### SPEEDING OFFENCES

**40km/h** is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. *May be subject to Double Demerits.*



### DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



### PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.  
2. Do not let **your children in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a no stopping zone.



### U TURNS

U turns are illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across a double white line



### DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



\* Fines current as of 25th November 2019. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



# COMMON PARKING OFFENCES

DON'T FORCE PEDESTRIANS ONTO THE ROADWAY...IT'S DANGEROUS!

Cars parking across driveways and footpaths are one of the most common obstructions to pedestrians.

All pedestrians using footpaths, especially those with disabilities, older people and the young, need an unobstructed, clear path of travel. Cars parked across the footpath force people onto the road, creating a dangerous situation.

## NATURE STRIP



PENALTIES FROM  
**\$268**

As a general rule, parking is not allowed on nature strips.

## DRIVEWAYS



PENALTIES FROM  
**\$268**

A driver must not park on or across (or partially across) a driveway blocking access to pedestrians and other vehicles.

## FOOTPATHS



PENALTIES FROM  
**\$268**

A driver must not stop on a footpath. This blocks pedestrians and other footpath areas as well as sight lines for vehicles using the roadway.

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## PARKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

Parking in the wrong direction of travel is dangerous as the vehicle first has to travel on the wrong side of the road which exposes other road users to the risk of a head on collision. Also, the vehicle may unreasonably obstruct the path of other vehicles. For these reasons parking in the wrong direction of travel is illegal.

In accordance with regulation 208 of the [Australian Road Rules](#):

(2) the driver must position the vehicle to face:

- (a) in the direction of travel of vehicles in the marked lane or line of traffic on, or next to, the part of the road where the driver parks; or
- (b) if there is no traffic on, or next to, that part of the road—in the direction in which vehicles could lawfully travel on that part of the road.

(3) If the road is a two-way road, the driver must position the vehicle parallel, and as near as practicable, to the far left side of the road.

### WHAT IS THE PENALTY?

The penalty for parking in the wrong direction of travel exceeds **\$257**, and increases to **\$330 plus two (2) demerit points** within a **school zone**.

### HOW SHOULD I PARK MY VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY?

The driver of a motor vehicle may park that vehicle on the roadway in the correct direction of travel and as near as practical to the far left side of the road, not on the nature strip and provided all other parking restrictions are complied with.

### WHO ISSUES PENALTIES FOR PARKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION OF TRAVEL?

The police or authorised Council Rangers may issue fines for offences under the Australian Road Rules.

**For further information about parking restrictions, contact Council's Rangers on (02) 4732 7543.**



## 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.

A reminder to head down to 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 to help you and to organise the Peer Tutors available each lesson.

<b>LEARNING CENTRE TIMETABLE – TERM 3 2020</b>					
<b>WEEK A</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 6B	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 1A	<b>DIANNE</b> HSIE / LAST 7B	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 4A	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 8A
<b>9:32 AM</b>	<b>MICHAEL</b> MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4A	<b>ROSEMARY</b> SCIENCE 6A	<b>KITH</b> MATHS 5A	<b>DAVE H</b> COMMERCIAL 1A	<b>DAVE G</b> SCIENCE 2A
<b>10:44 AM</b>	<b>ROTATING ROSTER</b>	<b>LATHA</b>	<b>SARAH</b>	<b>SUBHAS</b>	<b>ROTATING ROSTER</b>
<b>11:14 AM</b>	<b>DAVE H</b> COMMERCIAL 1B	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 7A	<b>ROSA</b> KOREAN / JAPANESE 2A	<b>DIANNE</b> HSIE / LAST 5A	<b>ROBERT</b> ENGLISH / HSIE 3A
<b>12:26 PM</b>	<b>KITH</b> MATHS 5B	<b>MICHAEL</b> MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 3A	<b>ILA</b> SCIENCE 8A	<b>JAN</b> HSIE 6A	<b>ROBYN A</b> ENGLISH 7A
<b>1:38 PM</b>	<b>CARMEL</b>	<b>ASHLEE</b>	<b>KIM</b>	<b>DIANNE</b>	<b>ROTATING ROSTER</b>
<b>2:08 PM</b>	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 8B	<b>MICHAEL</b> MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4B	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 3B	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 2B	<b>Open to 2.08 pm</b> 8C
<b>3:20 PM</b>					
<b>WEEK B</b>					
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>8:20 AM</b>	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 4A	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 3A	<b>DIANNE</b> HSIE / LAST 5B	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 2B	<b>ROBYN H</b> ENGLISH 7A
<b>9:32 AM</b>	<b>DAVE H</b> COMMERCIAL 6B	<b>ANDREW M</b> SCIENCE 7B	<b>ANDREW M</b> SCIENCE 2B	<b>JAN</b> HSIE 1B	<b>DAVE H</b> SCIENCE 3B
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<b>12:26 PM</b>	<b>DEAN</b> ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5B	<b>SARAH</b> ENGLISH / MOD HIST 4B	<b>ADAM</b> VISUAL ARTS / MULTIMEDIA 8A	<b>DEAN</b> ENGINEERING, IPT, SDD, D&T 5A	<b>NICOLE</b> HSIE / LAST 8B
<b>1:38 PM</b>	<b>ANDREW F</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>CARLY</b>	<b>REUBEN</b>	<b>ROTATING ROSTER</b>
<b>2:08 PM</b>	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 8B	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 1A	<b>DIANNE</b> HSIE / LAST 3B	<b>CARMEL</b> ENGLISH / LAST 6B	<b>Open to 2:08 pm</b> 8C
<b>3:20 PM</b>					

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 20 July	Tuesday 21 July	Wednesday 22 July	Thursday 23 July	Friday 24 July
<p><b>WEEK A</b></p> <p><b>Staff Development Day</b></p> <p><b>Year 12 Dance</b> – Trial HSC exam, practical performances</p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>			<p><b>Year 11 Textiles</b> – Task due</p>	<p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>
Monday 27 July	Tuesday 28 July	Wednesday 29 July	Thursday 30 July	Friday 31 July
<p><b>WEEK B</b></p> <p><b>Closing date for Applications – Year 12 2021</b></p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>	<p><b>School Council Meeting</b> 6pm, Zoom Meeting</p>	<p><b>Opportunity Class Placement Test (TBC)</b></p>		<p><b>Year 12 HSC Drama Showcase</b></p> <p><i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i></p>

### 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 (Rel)	Rebecca Zinghini
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Kim Everett
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

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