

# Our School Newsletter



*Mente manaque* - With mind and hand

Principal: Sally Smithard

School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan

School Council President: Suchita Andrews

## TERM 3 WEEKS 5 AND 6

17 August -28 August 2020

### Important Dates – Term 3 2020

W3	Mon 3 Aug	Start of school examination period
W5	Fri 21 Aug	End of school examination period
W6	Tue 25 Aug	School Council Meeting, 6pm Meeting via Zoom
W7	Tue 1 Sep	Student, Parent, Teacher Evening, Year 11 2020 <i>See attached documents</i>
W9	Tue 15 Sep	Heritage Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Tue 22 Sep	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W10	Tue 22 Sep	Major Works Assembly <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Fri 25 Sep	Year 12 Graduation <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>

### Important Dates – Term 4 2020

W1	Mon 12 Oct	First day of classes for Term 4
W1	Wed 14 Oct & Thu 15 Oct	Year 11 - 2021 Enrolment evening <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W2	Tue 20 Oct	HSC examinations begin
W3	Tue 27 Oct	School Council Meeting, 6pm <i>Details to be advised</i>
W5	Wed 11 Nov	Final HSC exam
W6	Tue 17 Nov	Year 12 Sign out day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W7	Thu 19 Nov	Year 12 Sign out day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W8	Tue Dec 1	Presentation Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W8	Tue Dec 1	School Council Meeting <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W9	Mon Dec 7	Confirmation of Entry Day, Year 11 2021 <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Tue Dec 15	Be Challenged Activity Day <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>
W10	Wed Dec 16	Talent Quest <i>Details to be advised, pending DoE advice</i>

## Principal's Report

I hope this newsletter finds you, your family and friends in good health. For our students I hope your examinations are providing you with some valuable feedback about your learning to guide further improvement. For us, we feel like we are constantly monitoring the health situation, which we have no control over. Even though our constant reminders about not coming to school when you are sick may appear annoying, this is something we can control and do our part to protect our learning community. Similarly through these simple acts honour the work of our doctors, nurses and paramedics who are working so hard to keep us all safe and well.

Many thanks to our staff and students who have followed our COVID-safe protocols during the examination period. As many of our assessment tasks were adjusted in Term 2 there has been limited opportunity for students to experience formal assessment tasks under timed conditions, these types of tasks assist students to develop their examination time management skills, revision and study techniques and ability to write and perform under conditions that mirror the Higher School Certificate Examinations.

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

Both personal and teacher feedback will be the keys to assist students to develop these skills as they move forward in their learning journey.

Many of our Year 12 students apart from working through their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations have been finalising their major works projects for a variety of courses. We wish them well as their projects are submitted for marking or as they complete their practical performances in the Creative and Performing Arts courses. NESA has commenced providing schools with information related to markers coming on site for Dance, Drama and Music Higher School Certificate Practical Examination marking. Class teachers will be going over any changes to the normal processes to ensure students know what to expect in regards to the submission of these projects or completion of their performances.

Every year St Marys Senior High School awards three school based scholarships to graduating Year 12 students. These scholarships are given in the memory of the founding Principals of St Marys High School and St Marys Senior High School, Mr Bill Eason and Mr Bernie Shepherd and a member of our Commercial Studies staff, Mr James Rowe. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence in the humanities, sciences and technology or who are pursuing a career in education. Students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships, with further details contained later in this newsletter.

Similarly we have provided information about the Jim Anderson Scholarships for 2020 on our Skoolbag app. These scholarships are for Year 12 students to apply for and are provided in honour of the late Jim Anderson, the former Member for Londonderry in NSW State Parliament and the former Mayor of Blacktown City Council. Mr Anderson was a tireless advocate for public education and Western Sydney, and his memory is honoured each year through the provision of five scholarships up to the value of \$5000 which are granted to students in government high schools in Western Sydney who will be undertaking formal full-time study at either Western Sydney University or at a TAFE NSW college or campus in 2021. We encourage our students to consider applying for this scholarship by reading through the information provided in our Skoolbag post.

Over the second half of Term 3 and throughout Term 4 our school community will be focussing on the future and developing our next school plan for 2021-2024. This will involve developing a situational analysis based on context, achievements and practices. It will provide an opportunity for us to examine data related to our programs and culture to reflect on what we should maintain, what we should tweak and what we should decommission.

Our staff will be participating in some twilight professional learning (online of course) this term. to consider where we are at and where we want to go, taking into account some of the challenges we will need to deal with, including changing behaviour norms in society, the increasing prevalence of mental health issues and the impact of a pandemic on our students. We will continue to discuss this in the coming weeks and consult with our stakeholders.

Take care of each other and be kind to yourself.

***Sally Smithard***

*Principal*

## Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews

Year 11 Student, Parent and Teacher Interviews will take place **on Tuesday 1 September between 4 pm and 8:30 pm**. To comply with social distancing regulations, teachers will undertake interviews via phone or Zoom, depending on teacher preference.

Bookings will be in 15-minute blocks, which will give teachers time to have a 10-minute conversation with parents, caregivers and students, whilst also allowing for technical issues, dropouts or call failures.

Teachers will contact parents and caregivers by phone or Zoom teleconferencing to conduct interviews. Teachers will indicate which platform they will be using to students before the evening.

Teachers will call parents and caregivers on the phone number that we have on file, which parents and carers provided when students enrolled in the school. If you have changed your phone number since then, students can come to the office to collect a change of contact details form or parents and carers can email their new contact details to the school email address, [stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) . If anyone needs help updating their password for Sentral, please email [matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:matthew.topp@det.nsw.edu.au) .

Teachers who are using Zoom for interviews will provide the link needed to students prior to the interviews.

The window for booking interviews will be open **from 12 am on Monday 24 August until 11 pm on Sunday 30 August 2020**. A short “how to” regarding booking interviews can be found below.

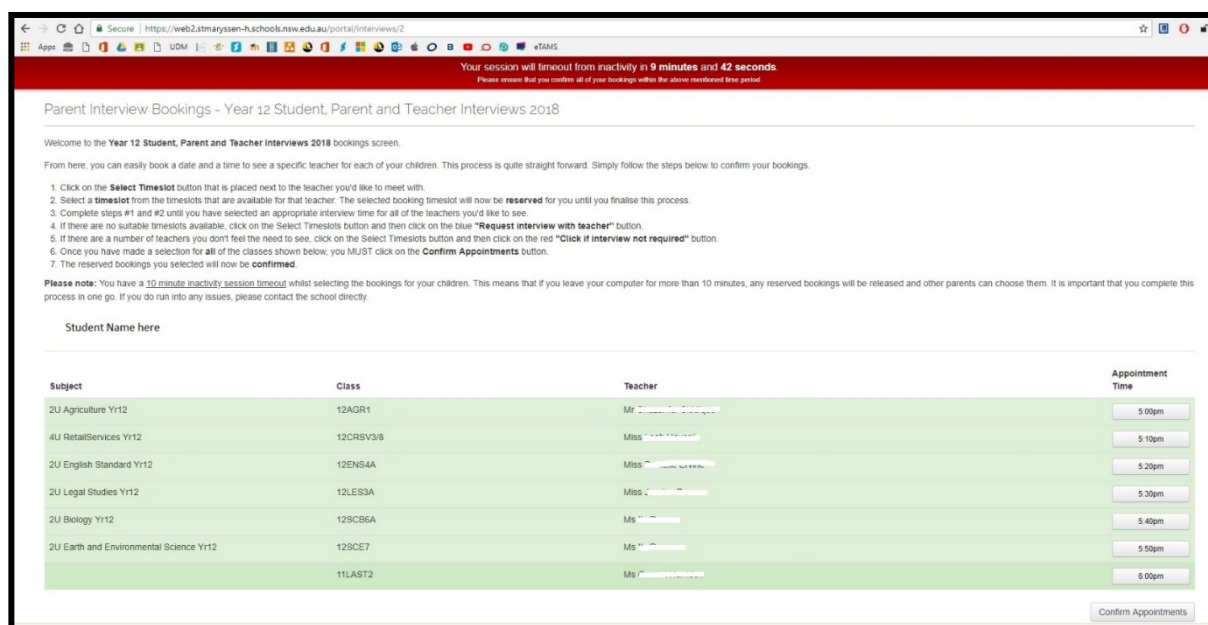
### ***Luigi Serra and Matthew Topp***

*Student, Parent, Teacher Interview Coordinators*



## How to book interview times with teachers

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://smshs.sentral.com.au/portal>
2. Interview bookings will open **at 12 am on Monday 24 August 2020**. 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 and caregivers can select times from the buttons on the right of screen. The sample student here shows all time slots filled.

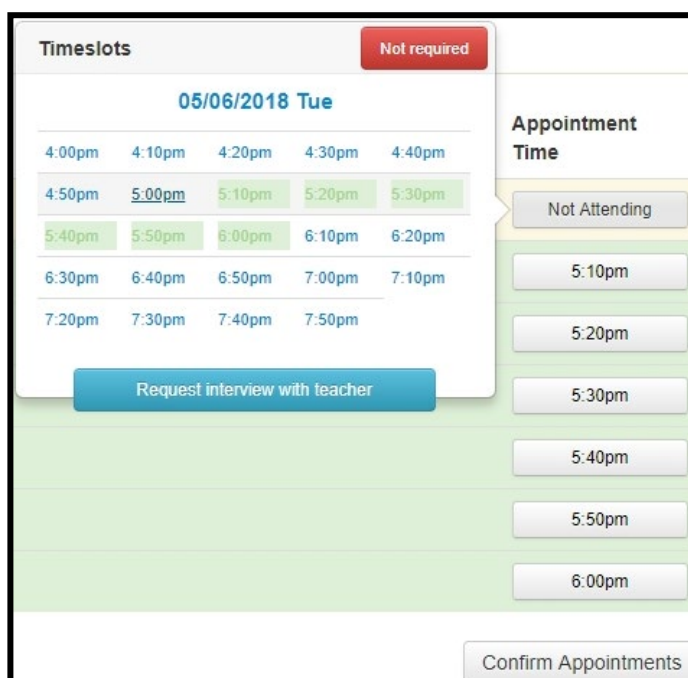


4. When you click to set a time for each interview, the booking window looks like the image shown on the right.

Times that are greyed out are unavailable for a parent and caregiver, either because the teacher is unavailable or because they have a clashing time already booked.

Parents and 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.



5. When complete, you can choose to receive an email with times and dates as a calendar file.

## School Based Scholarships – Year 12 2020

### The James Rowe Award

**The James Rowe Award** was instituted in 2012 and is presented annually to an HSC student who is pursuing a career as a teacher in education. The successful applicant needs to demonstrate a passion and commitment to teaching as well as being interested or involved in social change and have consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies.

**Criteria** - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the pursuit of a career in teaching.

This is demonstrated by enrolment in a teaching degree at university. Areas to address in your application:

- a) Passion and commitment to teaching
- b) Interest and action in social change

### The Bill Eason Award

**The Bill Eason Award** is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the humanities area while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

**Criteria** - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the humanities field.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
  - a) Student leadership
  - b) School service
  - c) Community Service

## The Bernie Shepherd Award

The **Bernie Shepherd Award** is presented annually to a HSC student who, in the opinion of the school community, has consistently displayed an exemplary attitude towards their studies in the science and technology areas while at the same time demonstrating a significant contribution to the development of the local community or the school community of St Marys Senior High School.

**Criteria** - The successful applicant should address the following:

1. Outstanding performance in a minimum of three subjects in the science and technology fields.
2. Demonstrated commitment to the school community of St Marys Senior High School or their local community. This may be derived from a variety of fields, including:
  - a) Student leadership
  - b) School service
  - c) Community Service

### To apply for the Bernie Shepherd, Bill Eason or James Rowe Awards

Please submit a written application to Danielle Ervine  
by **3:20 pm on Friday 18 September 2020.**

The application should be no more than **FOUR** A4 typed pages in length (12 point font size and 1.5 line spacing) and address **ALL** of the criteria listed for the relevant award.

*In addition to your application, school records will be accessed by the School Council as part of the process to select the successful scholarship applicant.*



## Learning Centre, Term 3 2020 – Amended 28 July 2020

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.

# Learning Centre Timetable Term 3

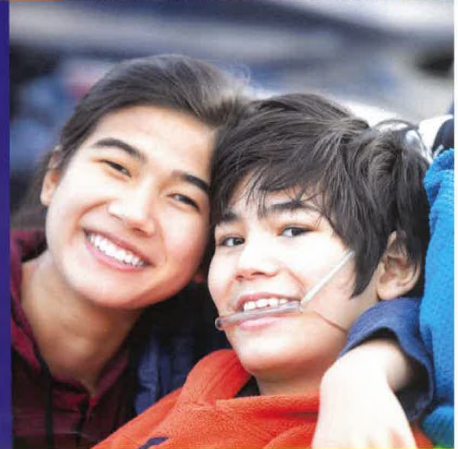
WEEK A					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:20 AM	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 6B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 1A	DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 7B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 4A	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8A
9:32 AM	MICHAEL MUSIC/ ENTERTAINMENT 4A	ROSEMARY SCIENCE 6A	KITH MATHS 5A	DAVE COMMERCIAL 1A	DAVE G SCIENCE 2A
10:44 AM					
11:14 AM	ADAM VISUAL ARTS / MULTI MEDIA 1B	CARMEL ENGLISH / LAST 7A	SUN HWA KOREAN / JAPANESE 2A	DIANNE HSIE/ LAST 5A	ROBERT K ENGLISH / HSIE 3A
12:26 PM	KITH MATHS 5B	MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 3A	ILA SCIENCE 8A	JAN HSIE 6A	ROBYN A ENGLISH 7A
1:38 AM					
2:08 PM	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 8B	MICHAEL MUSIC / ENTERTAINMENT 4B	NICOLE HSIE / LAST 3B	NICOLE HSIE/ LAST 2B	Open to 2:08pm 8C
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# Are you studying AND looking after a loved one?



If you care for a family member or friend with an illness, disability or mental health issues, you could be eligible for one of the 1,000 bursaries available to young people juggling study and care.

The Young Carers Bursary offers \$3,000 towards continuing your study.



## APPLY NOW

Applications for 2021 open from 28 July to 8 September 2021

To be eligible you must be a young carer who is

- aged between 12-22
- studying or completing an apprenticeship
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- not receiving another scholarship.

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[YoungCarersNetwork.com.au](http://YoungCarersNetwork.com.au)



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# AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AEROSPACE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Raytheon**  
Australia

The Australian Youth Aerospace Association (AYAA) is excited to announce that they are making **twenty scholarships** available! These scholarships, proudly supported by Raytheon Australia, will be rewarded to deserving students around Australia. These scholarships, of **\$1000 AUD each**, are designed to reward student's interest and engagement in the aerospace industry.

We encourage all students who are interested in the aerospace industry to apply for the Australian Youth Aerospace Leader scholarship. All students currently studying at an **Australian high school from years 10 to 12** are eligible to apply.

Scholarship applications will open on **17 August and close on 14 September 2020**. Keep an eye out on AYAA and Raytheon Australia social media platforms in the upcoming days for more information!

The application process and portal will be made available on our website from 17 August until 14 September. To find out more about the scholarships please visit <https://ayaa.com.au/scholarships>

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact [scholarships@ayaa.com.au](mailto:scholarships@ayaa.com.au)

## This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 17 August	Tuesday 18 August	Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August	Friday 21 August
<b>School exams continue</b>  <i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i>	School exams continue	School exams continue	School exams continue	Last day of exams  12 Visual Arts – HSC Body of Work due  <i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i>
Monday 24 August	Tuesday 25 August	Wednesday 26 August	Thursday 27 August	Friday 28 August
HSC drama Examination rehearsal  Basketball – SMSHS vs Rooty Hill HS – <i>no spectators allowed</i>  <i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i>	HSC Drama Examination  Ready to Arrive Work (RAW) Program  Farmer Cup – Futsal MPC  School Council Meeting – via Zoom	Ready to Arrive Work (RAW) Program	Ready to Arrive Work (RAW) Program	<i>Bring It On Rehearsals – cancelled until further notice</i>

### 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 (Act)	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
Student Support Officer	Caitlin Lambourne
Learning Support:	Carmel Harriden Dianne Pyne Nicole Leong Carly McPherson Ashlee Pleffer
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

### Contact us



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