



South Creek

St Marys Senior High School Magazine



Term 2, 2021



The South Creek Magazine is published once a term and celebrates the vision and values of the St Marys Senior High School learning community.

We are an **inclusive**, kind and supportive school which values diversity, independence and community.

We are an **aspirational** community which strives to achieve individual excellence.

We are **respectful** of our history, our people and our environment.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that makes up our school community, the Wianamatta people from Darug Country.

We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and future and extend our respects to all First Nation Peoples as well as everyone who visits our school.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt, this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal Country.

Shani-Lee Bolt, Year 12 2018

For the archives...

In this edition of the St Marys Senior High School South Creek magazine, we celebrate the achievements of our learning community during term 2. However, we would also like to acknowledge that term 3 has not begun as expected.

Due to a new COVID outbreak in the Greater Sydney Region we start the new term in remote learning. We hope that everyone in our school community stays safe and looks after each other in these challenging times.

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Principal's Insights



Welcome to the Term 2 issue of South Creek for 2021. I would like to thank the team of students supported by our teacher Librarian Kerri-Anne Brown for their work in putting together this publication. As a community it is important that we celebrate our achievements together. It is this celebration together that has built a strong school culture and spirit which extends to our current student population and our alumni.

We are proud to announce that in May 2022, St Marys Senior High School will stage the ABBA extravaganza, Mamma Mia! This production will run for one week only in Term 2 next year, with auditions and casting taking place later this year. Creative and production teams comprising of staff from all faculties are looking forward to working together with our students to bring this well-known and loved musical to our Western Sydney stage.

We will be embarking on a number of fundraising events in the coming months to help us build a show that will shine a light on the many talented people in our school community. We are looking forward to your support in this venture. To that end, we are offering businesses the opportunity to build a partnership with St Marys Senior High School by way of sponsorship. If you are interested in forging a relationship with the school in this manner, please contact Lidija Radovancevic on 9623-8333 to discuss your options.

This year has continued to see our extra-curricular activities continue to increase and Term 2 has been busy with SRC and club events, creative and performing arts events, sporting competitions and academic based events which you can peruse throughout this edition of South Creek. Our school is intensely focussed on playing our part in developing healthy young people who have a sense of humour, are kind, loyal, persistent, have a sense of camaraderie and high self-esteem. When these fundamental ingredients are present, learning can flourish.

I hope you enjoy this edition of South Creek as you explore the achievements of our students academically, on the sporting field, in the performing arts as well as the broader contributions they make to support the wider community through fundraising and raising awareness of important social issues. I am proud of the efforts of all our students and the staff at St Marys Senior High School and invite you to this edition of South Creek for 2021.

Sally Smithard
Principal

MAMMA MIA!

THE MUSICAL FEATURING 22 OF ABBA'S GREATEST HITS

May 2022 - St Marys Senior High School

In 2022, St Marys will be producing a whole school production of Mamma Mia! The Musical.

Auditions will be open to the whole school later in 2021

St Marys Senior High School Commemorates ANZAC Day 2021



Secondary Schools Leadership Program 2021

On 19 May 2021, Year 12 Legal Studies students Annalise Power and Tara Langford, participated in the Secondary Schools Leadership Program at NSW Parliament House. The program offers Year 12 student leaders the opportunity to develop their knowledge of our system of government and parliamentary proceedings, and the role of the Governor.

Their day started with a visit to the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, with an introduction to the NSW Parliament by Parliamentary Education staff. After a brief introduction from various members of Parliament, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the Members of Parliament. The Members of Parliament then met with the students from schools that were in their electorates. After a brief lunch, students were escorted to the NSW Government house via a walk through the Botanical Gardens. The students were given a guided tour of NSW Government House and had the opportunity to meet with Mr Dennis Wilson and the Governor, Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC. After an address, the students were able to ask questions to both Mr Dennis Wilson and the Governor during an afternoon tea.

Attending this excursion allowed students to develop a deeper understanding of the legal system, and an invaluable experience to meet Members of Parliament and the Governor of NSW.

Tara Langford
Year 12 2021



Term 2 Reflections by Music and Entertainment of CAPA

Term 2 has been busy. After spending most of Term 4 (2020) and Term 1 (2021) learning to broadcast performances, Entertainment had to switch gear to prepare for live performances. Streaming is hard and it is a production beast of its own but getting ready for a live audience is a different matter. There is advertising, contact tracing procedures, sanitising stations, and questions about where we are going to place the audience? – How, who, and when? Do not get us wrong, we love ‘Live’, because it is real. But it has certainly been one step at a time. Live performances are gradually coming back to become the norm. Lunch time concerts have occurred mostly throughout this term – except for the days when we were rained out.

One of the most exciting opportunities for Music and Entertainment students this term was the collaboration with the Athletics Carnival team. We brought three carloads of gear down to Blair Oval and it was great to entertain the audience during the day. The challenge was set for Year 12 to take the lead in making the day a festive *Carnivale*. It has never been done before so once the clinks were ironed out, it worked. Apart from being able to perform to a live audience, this gave the students ownership of the organisation – they brainstormed the program and communicated across the year groups.

The end of term is always the most hectic for CAPA and 2021 was no different. We had the opportunity to have a public audience at the Year 11 Evening of Musical Theatre. This was a project for all Year 11 Music students to work collaboratively preparing a 90-minute program of hit numbers from musical theatre. This year, we wanted to challenge the students. Not only did they have to work across the classes, negotiating the timetable, but also to learn some very difficult numbers including ‘America’ from *West Side Story* and the ‘Megamix’ from *Joseph, and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*; learning the songs, but also coming up with the choreography and rehearsing it was challenging. Some students came out of their comfort zone and performed solo performances and we would like to congratulate them on the success, especially Markeisha Bolano and Jessica Topp, who performed ‘Own My Own’ from *Les Miserables* and ‘Rather Be Me’ from *Meangirls*, respectively. We did film the performance and we will look at making the footage available to our school community in the near future. It was fantastic to have 200 people in the audience – a full house. This was also a fundraising opportunity for our school musical, which will be staged in Term 2, 2022.

Thank you to everyone that came and supported us. A massive thank you to Claudine De Paz, Ingrid Villamayor, Franchesca Soliman, Gavriel Gutierrez and the Year 12 Entertainment G.O.A.T. Productions for supporting the performance. We know you did not have the opportunity to stage your own ‘Evening of Musical Theatre’ last year because of COVID, but you so warmly encouraged the students and helped them overcome their nerves. You provided the support and encouragement that the Year 11s really needed; for many of them, it was the first time performing to such a large audience. Another great big thank you to ‘Little House on Campus’, that provided the refreshment for the evening. The variety was fantastic, and the hot drinks and soup kept us all warm. Also, your donation to the 2022 project is greatly appreciated.



Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

The day after the performance, we transitioned into the Year 12 Music Trial Practical examination over the weekend. It was great to be able to perform with more than backing tracks and one accompanist, unlike the COVID HSC in 2020. Seeing how all the students supported each other, and the general buzz of excitement, it was something that had been missing over the past 18 months. Music is about collaboration and self-expression – it is great to hear everyone practising and making music together. A special thank you to the TAS faculty – we know how hard it is to have to find alternate venues, especially when the weather can be quite unpredictable, and everyone is trying to finish practical assessment tasks.



As if the six consecutive 10 to 14 hours days were not enough, 65 Year 11 and Year 12 Music students attended the Pulse Alive rehearsal at the Netball Central in Sydney Olympic Park in Week 10. Some 450 students from across Sydney Metropolitan schools got together for a mass choir rehearsal for the Inaugural “Pulse Alive” – a celebration and collaboration of Pulse and Arts Alive. We are looking forward to being all together with the 3500 students across the state on Monday 13 September at the Ken Rosewall Arena (Tennis Stadium) for the performance.

Fatima De Assis
Music and Entertainment teacher



Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

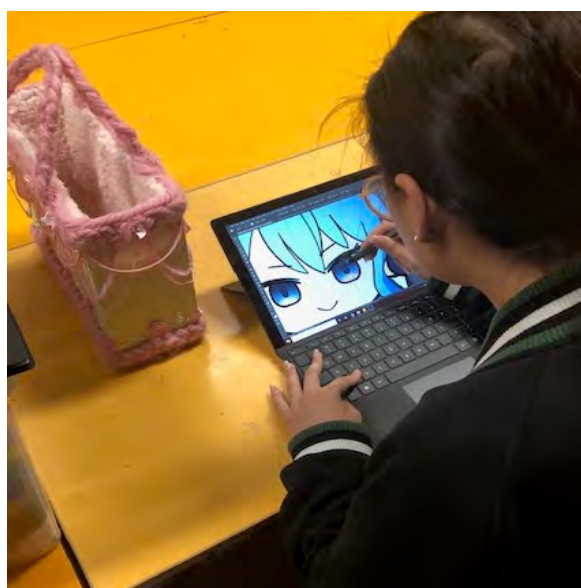
Visual Arts Updates

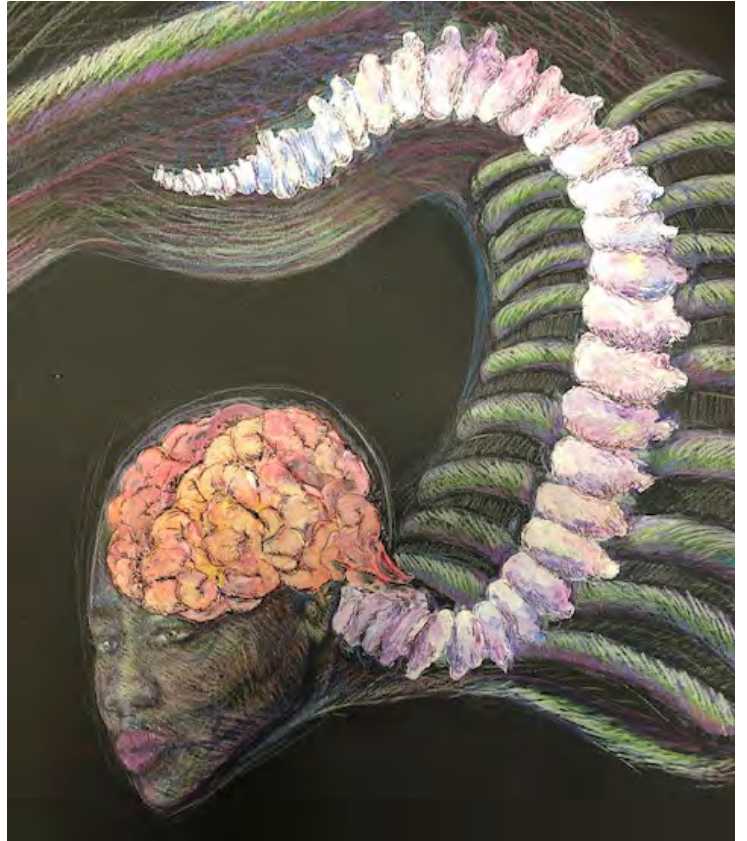
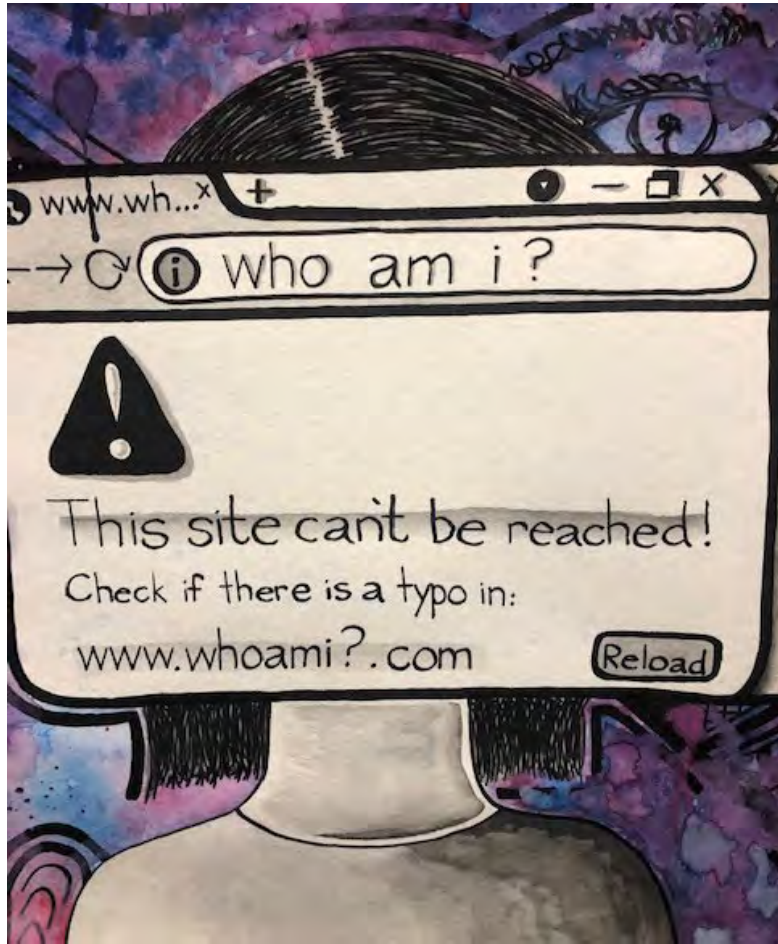
Term 2 was an incredibly busy time for all our Visual Arts students, they have been very creative, producing some beautiful artworks. Year 11 students had their very first practical assessment task with some absolutely awesome work produced by all of the students and have set the bar high for next year. You will be able to view the exhibition of 'Identity Artworks' in the library after the examination period in Term 3. We encourage all the school body to take some time out to be culturally inspired and coming to view this exhibition in the library.

Year 12 students have maintained a highly invigorated application to the production of their Bodies of Work. Producing a series of art pieces over an extended period of time is no mean feat. It takes diligence, skill and perseverance and this year's cohort have proved to be excelling in their application to this process. Over the coming weeks these students will be finalising their works and again we will exhibit their work to the school body in the MPC after the exam period. Watch out for advertising on this event and do not forget to vote for your favourite works by using the QR codes and visiting the website when it is up and running.

Furthermore, Sharon and Adam would like to congratulate all Visual Art students on their continued application to excellence. You make our job easy, and we are all quite proud of your efforts.

Adam Bernthaler
Visual Arts Teacher





LightsUP Drama Festival

The LightsUP Drama Festival is one of the drama opportunities offered as part of the NSW Government Local Arts Program for students K-12. NSW Schools are invited to submit audition pieces via video link to the committee consisting of teachers from primary and secondary government schools. From these auditions, schools are selected to perform on the Q Theatre stage at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith.

This year, the Year 11 Drama class represented SMSHS on the professional stage with their devised piece called 'The Age of Ignorance.'

'The Age of Ignorance' is a piece of physical theatre about the cyclical nature of living in unenlightened times. It is only when people rise up and say 'enough' that wisdom and liberty follow. But nothing is permanent. How long before another form of oppressions drags us all back into darkness?

The festival is viewed by a panel of teachers who select outstanding performances to participate in the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre, Sydney in October. Now, we sit back and wait to hear if our piece was successful in this process. Either way, our students did a fantastic job creating and presenting a powerful, mature and engaging piece of theatre. They were a standout performance from the 2021 LightsUP Drama Festival.



Pictured Year 11 Drama class

Text and photo by Nicole Bonfield
Head Teacher CAPA

State Drama Camp

Each year the **NSW Public Schools State Drama Camp** is open for Year 11 Drama students. Workshops are led by industry specialists and exemplary teachers from NSW Public Schools. The camp is fully catered with a healthy menu and accommodation is in modern, heated, carpeted cabins and rooms at Eleanora Heights Conference Centre.

This year the State Drama Camp was held from Sunday 20 June to Thursday 24 June. To be eligible to apply for camp, students must be in Year 11 and currently studying Drama at school. They also have to demonstrate high potential in this area and be seeking to build on their current experiences in Drama to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Talulla Curtis-Rock, Isaac Heath, Molly Spencer and Brooke Young were successful in their applications and represented St Marys Senior High School at the 2021 NSW Public Schools State Drama Camp.



L to R: Brooke Young, Molly Spencer, Isaac Heath, Talulla Curtis-Rock, at State Drama Camp, Eleanora Heights Conference Centre

Whilst on camp, the students participated in a variety of activities including:

- Workshop sessions led by exemplary teachers and specialists from the performing arts industry in the areas of set design, costume design, scriptwriting, individual performance, circus, physical theatre, devising, script interpretation, advanced acting skills, voice and accents.
- Active involvement, development of skills and enjoyment were key outcomes of participation at camp.
- **Zeal Theatre Australia** performed after dinner on Monday 21 June.
- Students attended the professional theatrical production of ***Come From Away*** on Sunday 20 June.



Image from 'The Arts Unit' website <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/drama/state-drama-camp>

The students involved all had an amazing experience and were very grateful to have had the opportunity to participate and develop their skills at the State Drama Camp.

Nicole Bonfield
Head Teacher CAPA

Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

2021 State Drama Company "Tales from the Wild Bush"

In May 2021 the NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit was proud to present, in partnership with NIDA, the NSW Public Schools 2021 Drama Company performance "Tales from the Wild Bush".

When a young child suddenly faces the reality of big school, they find comfort and counsel in their favourite bedtime book "Tales from the Wild Bush". There is much to learn from their furry native friends; the dark can sometimes shine a light, and answers are often where you least expect them. Come on an adventure with this merry native band into a tale of fun, fantasy and friendship!

This exciting, original production was devised for our youngest students: Kindergarten to Year 2. Written and performed by the NSW Public Schools 2021 Drama Company under the direction of industry professionals, Robert Jago and Emma Palmer, and performed with the support of our partner NIDA.

One of our own Year 12 Drama students was selected, through audition, to represent St Marys Senior High School in this production. Kassidy Arkle's performance as Mum was outstanding! In talking to the show's producer from The Arts Unit, she outlined that Kassidy had also taken a supportive, mentoring role for her younger cast mates throughout the production.



After the show, Kassidy told us that she had learnt so much from this amazing opportunity, identifying how what she had learnt would enhance her skills and abilities as well as those of the performers she works with.

Congratulations on the results of all of your hard work, Kassidy!

Nicole Bonfield
Head Teacher CAPA





Photos from The Arts unit website [https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2021-drama-company-
tales-wild-bush](https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2021-drama-company-
tales-wild-bush)

Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

Science Leadership Team Compete at Titration Competition

TITRATION SUCCESS – ST MARYS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED

1ST, 3RD, 4TH & 5TH OF THE SIX PLACES ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to the St Marys Senior High School Titration Team who competed on Saturday 12th June at the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury Campus.

Over a third of our Year 12 Chemistry cohort have been involved at varying times in titration training before school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, during terms one and two this year. This year twenty teams, each comprised of three students, from four local high schools, both public and catholic, participated in the NSW RACI Titration Competition at the Western Sydney University venue. St Marys Senior High School entered six teams; that is eighteen students into the competition!

During the competition, each student must perform at least eight titrations, and the subsequent calculations, to ultimately determine the concentration of ethanoic acid, from the standard hydrochloric acid solution and a solution of sodium hydroxide of unknown concentration. All this in a ninety-minute time limit. Wow!

This year, our top team scored five points. Note that the best team score is zero and the worst is thirty thousand. This score of five was the best score that our school has ever recorded in this competition. Three of our teams achieved what is classified as an excellent score (below one hundred) and one team was merited (between one hundred and two hundred). Besides the team successes, eleven of our students individually scored below ten (zero being perfect, and ten thousand being the worst).

Our Team has demonstrated great commitment to learning analytical chemistry skills and developing the 'teamwork' necessary for such successes. During this term, team members have peer mentored the skills of titration within the classroom, when titration was being covered in the Year 12 Chemistry syllabus. In the next few weeks, the Science Leadership Team should receive their official invitations to participate at the National Titration Competition in mid-September, which is usually hosted by the University of NSW.

Training to prepare for the National Titration Competition will resume in July. Development of additional analytical chemistry skills and further commitment is necessary to be competitive at this level. All the 2021 SMSHS Titration Team members will be invited to attend Nationals Training, so that they too may advance their analytical chemistry skills, further preparing for their future beyond St Marys Senior High School.

Rosemary Spears
Titration Coordinator



Titration Team 2021



Top Scoring Team

Abhishek Deshpande, Zakaria Khan, Raunaq Plaha



Mente Manuque – With mind and hand

TEXStyle 2021

An outstanding achievement from Year 12 2020, Textiles and Design student Renelli Molina was acknowledged in the first Virtual Presentation held this year.

The Texstyle HSC Exhibition is an annual event, which has been held for over 15 years, designed to showcase excellence, and promote Textiles and Design in both the education and wider communities. It provides opportunities for students and teachers to engage with exemplary work samples.

Renelli was one of 20 exemplary Textiles and Design projects from the 2020 Higher School Certificate selected and showcased in the TEXSTYLE 2021 Virtual exhibition. Renelli's project was selected from 1334 Major Textiles Projects and was a collection of three handbags, made from faux leather and vinyl, inspired by 1950's, Imelda Marcos and Dior.

Sharon Francis
Textiles and Design Teacher



TEXStyle 2021

The exhibition can be viewed online at:

<https://texstyle-exhibition.com.au/2021/>





Korean Class Capers

On the 20th of May, the Korean Beginners class visited the Korean Hana Centre at Petersham to experience Korean culture, food, and activities. After an hour-long train ride and braving the cold weather, the class was greeted in Korean by the wonderful teachers at the centre, Jina Lee, Angela Noh, and Jinny Kim. The class was at first taken aback by the teachers speaking only in Korean but soon got used to it after making use of what they learnt in class.

Before the class started any activities, they were first divided into teams of four, named in Korean, and created their own team chant. After showcasing their team chant, the class was then divided into two to take turns dressing and parading in traditional Korean clothing, Hanbok. The class returned to their groups of four to play traditional games called Pitch-pot (투호놀이 – throwing sticks or arrows into a pot), Biseokchigi (비석치기 - kicking or throwing an opponent's stone to be taken down at a certain distance), Jegichagi, (제기차기 - players kick a shuttlecock into the air and attempt to keep it aloft.), and Gonggi (공기놀이- five or more small grape-sized pebbles). Afterwards, the teams played bingo where numbers were replaced with activities— such as charades, k-pop dances, and speaking in Korean. The class then designed colourful pencil cases with traditional patterns before eating Korean food for lunch. After lunch, the class took turns with different teachers to practice for their speaking exam later this term. After taking the last set of photos to commemorate their time at the Hana Centre, the class ended their excursion with karaoke and a celebratory dinner.

Sofia Rosales
Year 12 2021



Pictured: Kristen Cruz,
 Claudine De Paz,
 Stacey Debulos,
 Francine Dequina,
 Kaira Francisco, John Galapin,
 Kristina Gaundar,
 Charlene Gervacio,
 Megan Liwanag,
 Marc Malonzo, Ninno Obrero,
 Steven Payuran,
 Sofia Rosales,
 Franchesca Soliman,
 Nourien Tanaz,
 Isabelle Thompson



Japanese Journal

On the 26th of May 2021, students from Year 12 Japanese Beginners and Year 11 Japanese Continuers went to the city for their excursion. We students travelled by train and met Rosa, our Sensei, at Central Station where we then walked to the Japan Foundation. Here, we had the amazing opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture by learning how to wear traditional, casual clothes called Yukata, learning how to dance the traditional Bon Odori dance, learning the origin of some Japanese words and participating in traditional Japanese Yatai games, often played during the summer Obon festival. Students were also encouraged to speak in Japanese, refining the skills learned in class and further developing their social interaction skills.

Our classes spent 3 hours in the Japan Foundation before moving downstairs to the food court for lunch where we were free to choose where to eat. Some of the Year 11 class and most of the Year 12 class decided to eat Donburi, a Japanese dish consisting of rice and a selection of toppings (in this case we had chicken) served conveniently in a bowl. One of our Year 12 students was also kind enough to prepare a Japanese food called Onigiri: Rice formed into a triangular shape, often with seaweed and a filling of choice, commonly eaten on the go. After an hour of a delicious and refreshing break, we headed back to Central Station in preparation for our next destination.

Alighting at Town Hall Station, our Japanese classes went to George Street to visit Kinokuniya: a bookstore with a wide range that specializes in Japanese literature including manga and other Asian literature works. Books could be bought in either the Japanese or English language, enabling students to enhance their reading and comprehension skills for the Japanese language. A special offer of 20% the total price was included in our visit, resulting in several students purchasing a good heap of books to add to their collections at home. Year 11 and 12 students split up for a while, where Rosa Sensei and Year 12 students went to Oh! Matcha to enjoy matcha drinks and ice cream, before meeting again with Year 11's in a small bookshop called Hondarake, near Darling Harbour. Hondarake specialised in second hand books and features a good range of Japanese books for a very cheap price. We spent a bit more time browsing and purchasing more books before the official end of our excursion.

From here, our Year 12 Japanese Beginners class parted ways with the Year 11 Japanese Continuers class and headed to Anime Kaika where we were able to browse and purchase a wide variety of novelty items inspired by Japanese pop culture including anime, games and more. Year 12 students concluded their Japanese excursion escapade by returning to Regent Place to try their luck on Gachapon machines, a popular vending machine that dispenses capsules containing novelty items directly from Japan.

Overall, it was a very exciting day, and we enjoyed an enriching experience learning about traditional Japanese culture and events through active participation and interaction with fellow students and staff.

Chrystal Aquilizan
Year 12 2021

Pictured Year 11 Japanese Continuers: Georgina Child, Elouise Gomez, Gourvika Kumar, Hailey Magat, Victoria Mashiri Yaconi, Lindsay Miller-Cripspe, Julie Rattananinad, Kate Roberts, Czarina Sulapat, Cynthia Thai

Pictured Year 12 Japanese Beginners: Chrystal Aquilizan, Randall Bentoy, Jonas Mendoza, Ysabella Miguel, Tirone Pama, Isabel So, Britanya Stevanytantra, Kaavya Udaya Kumar



Library and Information week 2021

During week 5 of term 2, St Marys Senior High School held our first ever Library and Information Week! #LIW2021!!!

The theme this year was Adventures in Space and Time, which saw much of our library decorated like space with a wide range of space inspired book recommendations on display chosen by our wonderful Library Leaders. Throughout the week we, the Library Leaders and student helpers had the opportunity to host a variety of different out-of-this-world activities!

From Monday to Friday, we hosted the Library Leader stall which included a wall of hands as our way of bridging the Indigenous Literacy Gap, as well as a bookmark competition, which was won by Dave Chua in Year 12. You can get your copy of the winning bookmark from the circulation desk in the library.



At recess on Wednesday, we held our *National Simultaneous Storytime* event where we were able to host a reading of ***Give me some Space!*** to a small group of interested students!



At lunch time, we were very happy to be able to welcome staff from Penrith City Public library to our school. At their pop-up they provided students with lots of information about physical and online resources available at Penrith City Library to support their studies.



Library and Information week concluded with a fundraiser for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation. Students had the opportunity to dress up to the nines as their favourite literary heroes, villains and characters! Students could also join the parade at recess to win the best dressed competition. This was hosted by an expert panel of judges which included Sally our Principal, Kerri-Anne our Teacher Librarian and two of our Library Leaders, Ciana Rosales and Jennifer Pruyn, who nominated the winners of the character parade. The school raised \$320.65 for the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation. #Literacy is Freedom.

On behalf of the South Creek Production team, we would like to thank the entire Library Leaders team, as well as Kerri-Anne for making this week a possibility and a blast!

We hope it can be just as much of a success next year!

Nirvana Shankar
Year 12 2021



Library & Information Week Costume Parade

A mind-boggling array of characters from all sorts of media assembled on Wednesday, 20th May to celebrate the joy of books. Everything from Dr. Suess' Cat in the Hat to Hajime Isayama's Eren Yeager to a T-Rex were present, creating a dazzling kaleidoscope of fiction. I spoke to Gerard, who came dressed as A. A. Milne's, Christopher Robin and he was ecstatic about the connectedness of the school community during this week, adding his surprise at the uncoordinated troupe that had formed of Winnie the Pooh characters.

Everyone I spoke to, from judges to participants, shared their enthusiasm over the support the library rallied around the charity, The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation, for whom the money raised by the mufti day was to be donated. This charity works to raise the reading standards in communities throughout Australia, particularly disadvantaged groups such as First Nations Australians and refugee families and communities. It is a touching reflection on our school cohort to see the enthusiasm and joy that surrounded an event with such a powerful goal as this.

Although everyone who participated on the day were the winners at heart, two costumes were given the title of 'Best Dressed'. After serious deliberation by the judges, it was decided that Hawraa as the Scarecrow from Wizard of Oz and Isaac as Newt Scamander from Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them were crowned victors – and not without good reason. The sheer amount of attention to detail apparent in the construction of these costumes displayed true dedication and a love for all things literature.

Despite making up only a segment of the Library and Information Week, the participation of the school community was genuinely inspiring, proving (despite your dismay at whatever book you are currently reading for English) that literature transcends the page, and that fiction is more of a reality than most care to believe.

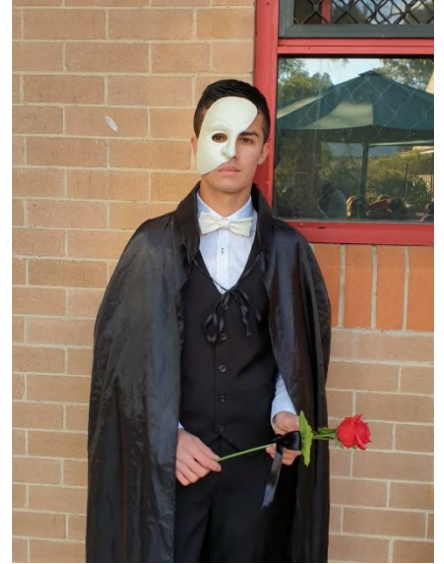
James Swarbrick and Josh Creamer
Year 12 2021

Dress Up Winners –

Isaac Heath as Newt Scamander from *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

Hawraa Jaafar as Scarecrow from *Wizard of Oz*





Athletics Carnival 2021

Earlier this term on Monday May 31st, St Marys Senior High School were able to get together to hold their annual school athletics carnival. Despite its cancellation last year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to hold a COVID safe carnival this year due to the amazing efforts of school staff in maintaining our safety and activities throughout the day. Throughout the day we were able to see races, high and low jumping, shotput and discus and a wide range of novelty races accompanied by an extremely talented band, which kept us entertained for the entirety of the day!

The day concluded with a relay race between lightning-fast members of each of the clusters. The cheering of the onlookers left everyone leaving the carnival with their competitive spirits high and flying!

From Olivia Roderigo's 'good 4 you' to the enthusiastic cheering of the SMSHS community. This year's athletics carnival saw a wide range of colour, musical talent, athletic ability, and new records, which must be congratulated by the school community!

The competitive spirit of our school community was demonstrated by the clusters as they cheered for each other and raced in the fight for the cluster cup! This year, the winner of the cluster cup was Cluster 5! Congratulations to the Pink Panthers on your victory!

Despite this year being the first athletics carnival for the class of 2021, it was a wonderful day for all of us. On behalf of the South Creek Production team, we would like to thank all the teachers who were able to make this day possible and thank them for their diligent efforts in facilitating the smooth running of the day.

Nirvana Shankar
Year 12 2021



Sports Wrap Up

Term 2 did not slowdown in regard to sport, and for that we are pleased. We had many students competing in a multitude of sports with some great success. I congratulate each and every one of them for representing the school with such passion and vigour and thank all the staff who once again gave of their time to support the students in their sporting endeavours.

SMSHS Athletics Carnival

We were so fortunate to be able to hold our athletics carnival this year without restrictions. The weather was amazing and there were some outstanding athletics performances. For the non-competitive students, there were novelty events, and we also held a concert this year to add to the atmosphere.

The day began with the cluster chants. They were amazing, the students were so pumped and there was a lot of friendly rivalry. **The winner of the chants was Cluster 7.** Congratulations and what a great job the sport cluster leaders did to get their groups organised.

To determine the winner of the athletics carnival, the number of points collected by each cluster, through students entering events and cluster chants, are added up and then divided by the number of people in that cluster, this makes it fair for the smaller groups.

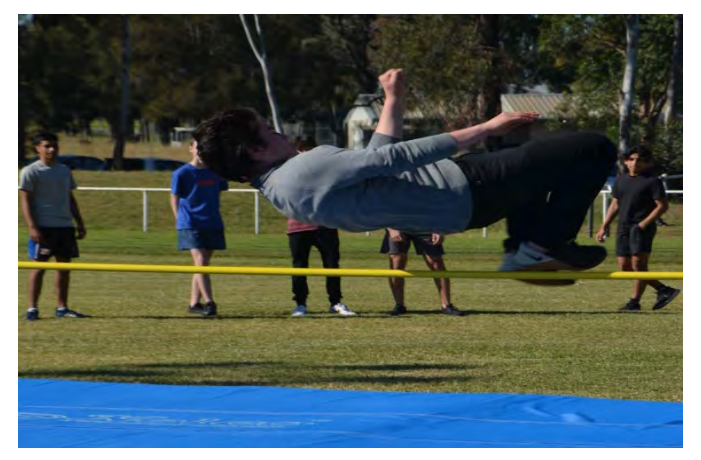
The winner of the athletics carnival was Cluster 5. Congratulations to all.

There were 10 records broken at the carnival :

<u>Emily Snelling</u>	16 years 100m - 13.58 16 years 200m - 29.52
<u>Alysse Duffy</u>	16 years Long Jump - 4.21m
<u>Ashley Magsakay</u>	16 years Shot Put - 10.52m
<u>Shayan Adhikari</u>	16 years 400m – 56.07
<u>Kailah Stapleton</u>	17 years 200m - 29.15
<u>Kia Critchley</u>	17 years 400m - 1.11.27
<u>Charlotte Blaikie</u>	17 years Long Jump - 4.45m
<u>Denzel Betham</u>	17 years Shot Put - 11.5m
<u>Corey Doyle</u>	17 years Discus - 47.67m

Congratulations to our age champions:

<u>16 Years Girls</u>	<u>16 Years Boys</u>	<u>17 Years Girls</u>	<u>17 Years Boys</u>
Alysse Duffy	Shayan Adhikari	Kailah Stapleton	Corey Doyle
Runner Up: Emily Snelling	Runner Up: Arnav Prasad	Runner Up: Kia Critchley	Runners up: Brad Wade and Nivad Charan



Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival

The Werrington Zone Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June at Blair Oval. In stark contrast to the weather for our school carnival, Thursday was the coldest day in Sydney in 37 years. I would like to thank the staff who assisted with the running of this carnival and stayed out in the rain and congratulate the athletes who were able to compete in such extreme weather conditions.

We had 19 students qualify for the Werrington Zone team to compete at the Sydney West Carnival which is due to be held in week 2 of term 3. We also won 3 out of 4 relay events. Congratulations and well done to all our athletes.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all athletes the best of luck in the upcoming Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

Sydney West Swimming Carnival

After being postponed last term due to flooding, the Sydney West Swimming Carnival was held at the beginning of the term. We had 12 students representing Werrington Zone at this carnival - Jordan Amies, Harry Bolton, Monique Buksh, Kia Critchley, Matthew Fava, Jack Hanrahan, Sam Hanrahan, Celeste Roldan, Caitlin Shepherd, Claire Silva, Riley Stevens and Tahnee Wills. All swimmers competed admirably with 3 students qualifying for individual events at the NSWCHS Swimming Championships as well as 3 relay teams qualifying.

Jordan Amies 1st 17 years 50m freestyle
1st 17 years 100m backstroke
1st 17 years 100m freestyle
2nd 17 years 100m breaststroke

Harry Bolton 1st 16 years 100m breaststroke
2nd 16 years 100m backstroke
2nd 16 years 100m butterfly
3rd 16 years 50m freestyle
3rd 16 years 100m freestyle

Riley Stevens 3rd 17 years 100m backstroke
3rd 17 years 100m freestyle



The boys 17 years 4 X 50m freestyle relay team (Riley Stevens, Matthew Fava, Sam Hanrahan and Harry Bolton) came 1st, the girls 17 years 4 X 50m freestyle relay team (Jordan Amies, Caitlin Shepherd, Kia Critchley, Monique Buksh) came 2nd and the boys 17 years 4 X 50m medley relay (Riley Stevens, Matthew Fava, Jack Hanrahan and Harry Bolton) came 3rd.

Congratulations to the boys 17 years 4 X 50m freestyle relay team who came 6th at the NSWCHS Swimming Championships.



Werrington Zone Cross Country

We had 16 students representing our school at the Werrington Zone Cross Country Carnival earlier this term. The weather was great, and all students competed to the best of their ability. 14 students qualified for the Werrington Zone team to compete at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to Kia Critchley and Charlene Gervacio who both won their events.



Hayley Yallop was also in attendance but missed the photo.

Congratulations again to Kia Critchley who came 3rd in her event at the Sydney West Cross Country and will compete at the NSWCHS Carnival early in term3.

Volleyball

Our boys volleyball team qualified for the quarter finals in the Sydney West Knockout Competition this year. It is the furthest the team has made it in 20 years. The game was against Girraween High School and was an absolute nail biter. Unfortunately, it did not go our way and Girraween won in the fourth set. The boys were very emotional, but everyone was very proud of all their efforts.



Basketball

At the end of term 2 the girls basketball team won the Sydney West Knockout Competition. They then had to play Lithgow High in order to qualify for the Final 8 in the NSWCHS Knockout Competition. The girls and their supporters headed to Lithgow on the 12 May for their important game. The girls played exceptionally well and with the help of their supporters defeated Lithgow High 95-57.



The girls had qualified for the Final 8 in the State, something we had not been able to do for many years. The competition was held at Castle Hill over 2 days. Day 1 consisted of the round robin games. The girls played 3 games and finished 1st in their pool. The morning of day 2 was their semi-final game. They came up against Hunter Sports High School. The girls played extremely hard but lost 49-57 putting them into the bronze medal play off against Freshwater Senior Campus. The girls wanted a medal so badly. They came out firing, but so did Freshwater, who took the lead in the first half. At half time the girls had a 'pep talk' and left it all out on the court to win 49-39.

Congratulations to the girls basketball team - Jurnee Straker, Cathleah Graza, Jess Harrison, Kiahna Kraus, Rhiana Stockill, Milania Abdelshahid, Georgina Loucataris, Kristine O'Laco, Geneva Valencia and Nicolaine Velasquez.



Gymnastics

Congratulations to Jasmine Footit who has been selected into the Sydney West Gymnastics Team to compete at the NSWCHS Gymnastics Championships early in term 3. We wish her the best of luck.

Touch Football

The Werrington Zone touch football team competed at the Sydney West Carnival early this term with 9 of our students making up the team. Congratulations to Kianna Webster who caught the attention of the selectors and was selected into the Sydney West team to compete at the NSWCHS Championships.

Once again, we would like to thank all staff for supporting sport by either volunteering to take teams or covering classes when staff are out at these events. It is very much appreciated.

Jo Brines, Maree Phelps, Jesse Vassallo, Mitchell Baker
PDHPE teachers

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- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	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
- Learning and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- School Administrative Manager (Rel)	Lyn Deuis
Student Advisers:	
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- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Nicole Leong
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston
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