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“Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”

Saint John Paul II

**Week 9, Term 2**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June , 2019**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

It has been a very busy last two weeks of term. We had our year 11 and 12 students go to a Tertiary day last Thursday. This was a great opportunity that helped to assist in the student's awareness of Tertiary choices, Gap Year and employment options.

Today the Year 12's went to a HSC Science study day at CSU in Thurgoona. This was a great opportunity to gather some different study techniques and information, which can assist them in the studies for their HSC exams coming up in early Term 4.

Yesterday we had a visit from the Australian Defence Force. They were talking to the student about different career paths, Gap years and other great opportunities they offer.

Well done to the Year 6 class on their excellent performance of "The Selfish Giant" today. All the students did a wonderful job.

We hope everyone has a wonderful 3 week break. We look forward to seeing the students for Term 3 on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**.

### **BISSA Athletics**

Last Tuesday we had a group of high school students go onto represent our school at the BISSA Athletics. We congratulate all the students for their efforts on the day.

### **SRC Breakfast**

Thank you to the SRC for putting on such a delicious breakfast for our students and staff on Wednesday, it is always a great way to start the day.

### **Year 12 Trivia Fundraiser**

A big thank you to the year 12 class, for organising such a great night. I am sure everyone who was able to come along on Saturday night had a wonderful time playing Trivia. All money raised on the night will go towards the year 12 farewell gift to the school.

### **Earn and Learn**

As of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Woolworths Earn and Learn has finished. Thankyou to all families who have been able to collect the stickers for the school. If you have any stickers left please bring them into the office. We are now able to use these stickers to purchase goods for the students to use.

### **Uniforms**

A reminder that students are not to wear any items of clothing that are not the school uniform unless they have a note from home. On colder mornings students may wear a Navy blue jacket.

### **Reports**

Teachers have been working hard over the last few weeks on your children's reports for Semester one. Primary Reports were handed out today and the secondary reports will be sent out early next week. If for any reason you would like to get in touch with your child/children's teacher, please email them directly. There will be Parent teacher interviews early in Term 3 If you wish to come and discuss your child/children's progress or any concerns you may have.

### **P&F Wedding Catering**

Thank you to all those who have offered to help with the wedding afternoon tea on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Looking ahead to the fete in Term 4, another thank you to those who have been helping with planning and to those who have already committed to helping with a stall. This year we will be looking for donations for the craft stall, so if you are able to make and donate items, it would be good to get started early. Any ideas for craft items that might be popular can be emailed to [vera.galvin@smmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vera.galvin@smmc.nsw.edu.au)

### **Gala Dinner**

Our annual Gala Dinner is coming up on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August**. We are now starting to collect any donations for auction able items whether they be large or small. Please bring any donations to the school office.

### **Absences**

If for any reason your child/children have been away from school and we have not received a notice, an unexplained absence is created. If there are any unexplained absences for child/children attached will be a form with a list of unexplained absences. Please fill this out and hand back to the school or send an email.

### **Working Bee**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a school working bee. This will be to tidy up the school for the beginning of term 3. Lunch will be provided. Please come along if you can, your help is very much appreciated.

### **Praying for Purity**

Please join our students in praying for Purity, by praying 3 Hail Marys with your children for our students and for the school as a whole.

### **Complaints and Grievances**

We are not inviting complaints, but if you have one please go through the correct procedures. On our school website you can locate our school policy.

## 2019 Dates for your diary...

### Term 2 – Tuesday 30th April – Friday 28th June (9 Weeks)

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term

### Term 3 – Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 27th September (10 Weeks)

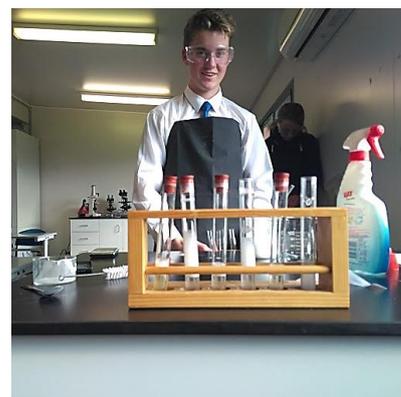
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – RAS Athletics
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – SMMC Feast Day
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Gala Dinner
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – The Assumption
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - P&F meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Yr 9-12 Snow Trip
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – ICAS, Digital Technologies
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – MacKillop Cup
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Science
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Writing
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Spelling
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - English
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Mathematics
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Father and Son Camp
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4 – Monday 14th October – Thursday 5th December (8 Weeks)

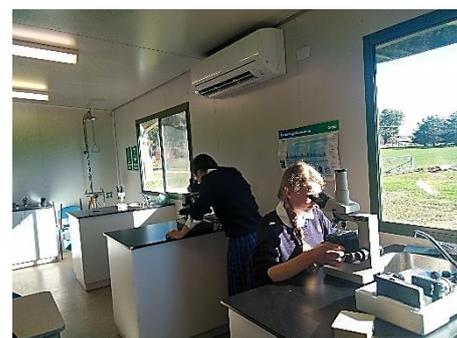
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Fete
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Primary Intensive Swimming

## Curriculum Corner – Mrs Kathleen Horsfall

This term in Chemistry the year 12 students studied Carbon Chemistry and as part of this unit they studied soaps and surfactants. They then undertook a depth study of different types of surfactants. The photos show the students testing out their products to analyse its properties.



Biology students have had an exam on practical work and have been using the newly purchased microscopes. These are of a very high quality and a great asset to helping a passion for Science in our school. In the photo some of the year 12 Biology students are looking at blood samples under the microscope.





## LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

### Encouraging good hobbies and pastimes

Young people tend to have a lot of spare time. Parents have an important role to play in encouraging children to spend this time productively. This is especially true for young teenagers. As they progress through high school more of their time is taken up with their studies. If they have developed a few good interests when they are young these can be great stress relievers at times when they are under pressure. One of our sons was passionate about playing the piano. He put a lot of time and energy into it when he was about 13 to 15. By the time he was doing his HSC he would play the piano as a way to unwind and break up his studies. He used to make a bit of a joke of it saying he would get so stressed out about his HSC he couldn't study so he would go and play the piano and then he would be so relaxed after playing the piano he didn't worry about studying any more anyway. He also enjoyed collecting and repairing old bikes from the tip. For many people their hobbies and interests can be a stepping stone into their life's work. Many mechanics and engineers began tinkering as a hobby. It is an investment in your child's future happiness to take a look at how they are spending their spare time now.

Having developed good hobbies and interests at a young age helps us to relax and unwind when we are adults. This in turn means that when we apply ourselves to work we are more focused. The late John Paul II was passionate about canoeing and spending time out in the "wilds". Pope Benedict XVI loved music, especially Mozart, listening to recorded music on a regular basis.

My mother as a teenager used to breed budgerigars, selling the babies for a little pocket money.

I heard of a son who loved gardening with his Dad as this was his way to spend quality time with him when he was young. This has then become for him a lifelong interest. Share what you love doing with your children. You never know if it may then become their passion also.

Winter school holidays are a time usually spent more indoors so set your mind to thinking of the types of hobbies that may encourage your children. You never know they may still be enjoying it in another 60 years!

### VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE – JUSTICE

*In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.*

*-Albert Einstein*