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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of Caroline Chisholm College,

7300. That's the number of hours our students contributed to community service, charity and leadership this year - and about the same as every year that the college has been keeping records. This represents hours and hours of young people going out of their way to make a difference in the community. Of course, these young people could be doing any manner of things in their free time. However, they are making a deliberate decision to dedicate their time and that talent to causes such as the St Vincent Paul Society, teaching scripture at the local primary school, raising funds and awareness for a range of local organisations and many other meaningful activities. So, when people automatically assume that adolescents are selfish and lazy I tell them 7300 hours.

Last week I had the pleasure of presenting awards to students in Year 11 who had achieved excellents in their learning in the preliminary HSC course. This was an opportunity for us as a college to say loud and clear what we value. I made the point in my remarks on that day that success and excellence are only ever the product of effort and commitment. It is important for all students to realise that anything worthwhile can only be achieved through the age old recipe of having a plan and doing the hard work. Students were recognised for being placed first in the course or in the top 10% of the course. Students were also recognised for achieving Principal's Awards and Gold Awards. These awards in particular are a celebration of those students whose teachers acknowledge that in every lesson every day they develop the habits of being good learners and demonstrate commitment to their studies and to this learning community. Congratulations to all of those award winners and I am looking forward to presenting similar awards at the presentation ceremonies for students in Years 7 to 10.

We are well into planning the learning agenda for Caroline Chisholm College for next year. Already, 2017 is promising to be a year of wonderful growth and development for the college. Our Pastoral Care Team and our Leaders of Learning are working hard on a new framework to guide us in supporting the well-being and growth of students. The main theme of these developments will be teaching students to identify their strengths as learners and using those strengths to maximise their learning. In order to support this, we have introduced a new lesson into the timetable which is dedicated to well-being, growth and becoming an effective learner. Your daughter's homeroom teacher will play an important role in delivering a program based on the principles of positive psychology. We believe that it is part of our role to teach students the skills to manage their own well-being by focusing on their strengths. Early next year we will invite you to a parent forum at which we will present the positive psychology model and discuss our new pastoral care framework with you.

In line with the principles of positive psychology, we will be improving our assessment program so that it shifts the focus away from performance to a more meaningful focus on the growth of each student. By being clear about what students need to do in order to improve, our assessment will become a continuous cycle of feedback that guides the student on her improvement journey. Rather than placing a great deal of emphasis on a few major assessment tasks through the year, the new assessment program will help students to realise that every step of their learning



journey is important, not just the product that they produce at the end. We will teach them to act on feedback and to plan for their own growth. In this way, we hope to address some of the concerns that parents have raised with us about their daughters' perfectionism. Over time, the learning culture of our students will become a much healthier journey towards individual success.

As we approach the Christmas season, and our Church enters the season of waiting, preparing and reflecting, let us call to mind those people for whom Christmas is not a happy, family time, due to illness, loss or poverty. **Mr Carozza** and our students will be delivering hampers to over 50 families in need over the coming weeks. This is just another example of the commitment to service at Caroline Chisholm College.



Father God,
The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ draws us to kneel,
to wonder at heaven dwelling on earth:
He came to live among the poor and marginalised,
to live as one of us, your creation.
We glorify you, Lord, our souls rejoice in you.
You are our God and Saviour.
You fill hungry people with good things,
and send the rich away empty.
Remind us to be merciful.
Break our hearts, Lord
so that we share your compassion.
Move through us, your church, Lord,
to serve people living in poverty
and those who are downtrodden.
Lord, teach us to pray
for those in greatest need;
and strengthen us by your Spirit
to reach out, together, across the world.
To be the hands and feet of Jesus on earth.
Amen.

Mr Greg Elliott
Principal

DIARY DATES

Year 7 Items, Year 8 Items, Year 9 Items, Year 10 Items, Year 11 Items and Year 12 Items, Whole School Items

Thursday 1 Dec	Thanksgiving Mass - Padre Pio at 9.00 am	Monday 12 Dec	Peer Support Training
Friday 2 Dec	Year 7 Lifesaving Excursion	Tuesday 13 Dec	Peer Support Training
	Years 7 & 8 Reports issued		Year 7-9 & 11 finish formal lessons
Monday 5 Dec	Year 10 Back Off Seminar Incursion	Wednesday 14 Dec	Pastoral Activities Years 7-9
Tuesday 6 Dec	Year 10 HSIE Archaeology at the BIG Dig		Year 11 Hospitality at Our Lady of the Way
	Choir at Nursing Homes for Christmas	Thursday 15 Dec	Pastoral Activities Years 7-9
	Captivate Dance Immersion		Year 7 (2017) BYO Device Set Up
Wednesday 7 Dec	Visual Arts Exhibition	Friday 16 Dec	Student/Parent/Teacher Meetings (optional)
Thursday 8 Dec	Captivate Dance Immersion		Year 7 (2017) BYO Device Set Up
	Year 7 Presentation Ceremony - 8.45 am	Monday 19 Dec	Staff Development Day
	Year 9 Presentation Ceremony - 11.00 am	Tuesday 20 Dec	Staff Development Day
Friday 9 Dec	Year 8 Presentation Ceremony - 8.45 am		
	Year 10 Presentation Ceremony - 11.00 am		
	Year 10 finish formal lessons		



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Finishing Times for Classes for 2016

- Year 11 will finish formal lessons and school for the year on Tuesday 13 December
- Year 10 will finish formal lessons and school for the year on Friday 9 December.
- Year 9 will finish formal lessons on Friday 9 December. All Year 9 will be undertaking Peer Support training on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 December.
- Years 7 and 8 will finish formal lessons on Tuesday 13 December.

An alternate program will run for Years 7-9 on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December. Friday 16 December is the optional Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and students only have to be at school for the interview, if an appointment has been made. The Google form to make a parent / teacher booking will be sent out to parents in the next few days.

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December are designated Staff Professional Learning days by the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta Diocese.

Details of the alternate program for Years 7-9 have been emailed to parents and carers. That email contained a link to a Google form for all parents of students in Years 7-9 to inform us as to their planned attendance on Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 December. Each student in Years 7-9 needs to have that form completed by a parent or carer, regardless of whether their parents intend them to attend or not attend those days. The form can be completed in seconds. It needs to be completed by all parents by Friday 2 December. The link to form can be found here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/dQiGqz6lff27pGFN2>

Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy Replaced by School Drive Subsidy

The NSW government offers a subsidy to parents or carers who have to drive their daughters to school or to a bus stop. The current scheme (the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy) is being phased out from the end of this year and replaced by the School Drive Subsidy. Our understanding is that parents already claiming the subsidy have been directly informed about it.

The scheme essentially provides a subsidy to drive a student to the school or the nearest public transport to the school where the school is more than 2 kms in a straight line from the house (or 2.9 km walking distance) AND the nearest public transport pick up (where available) is also more than 2 kms in a straight line from the house (or 2.9 km walking distance).

Details of the new scheme and a link to apply for it can be found on the website at <http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive>.

Uniforms

Please check over the holidays to make sure your daughter's uniform meets requirements. It is a strong expectation of the parent body of Caroline Chisholm College that uniform standards are maintained.

In particular, every girl must start the year with her skirt worn to the bottom of the knee. If this is not the case, please arrange for the hem to be taken down or a new skirt bought. Please check also that the skirts fit properly around the waist. Some girls have skirts which are too loose and their solution is to roll it at the top, making it a little tighter around the waist. The problem then is that a skirt which appears to be the right length when purchased becomes too short.

The normal uniform shop hours during the year are Tuesday 8.00 am to 11.30 am. If that time is not convenient, there are some alternatives for parents. Students can be measured for uniforms when the shop is open. Payment can then be made by phoning the uniform shop during its opening hours or phoning the reception at any time and quoting an invoice number from the uniform shop.

The uniform shop is also open during the week before school starts back from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm on Monday 23, Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 January. You might also like to check the availability of second-hand skirts. These (along with second-hand books) are sold privately through the college website. Follow the links to find details of available clothing and contact details for the sellers.



Shoes must be black, polishable, leather and lace-up. The college shoe expectation is that shoes

- must be black, lace-up, polishable and cover the top of the foot.
- must have heels or moulded soles (no flats) but of a reasonable height (no more than 3 cms)
- must be lace-up, not slip-on
- cannot be gym-style Converse or the like, even if they are black leather.

These expectations are for both uniform and WHS requirement. Please do not buy an expensive but incorrect pair of shoes as you will be required to purchase a new pair. If a store does not have the correct type, try a different store. Local shoe stores have been advised about Caroline Chisholm College shoe requirements. I would also advise not leaving it to the week before school starts as they are often in short supply by that time.

Please note the following styles which are not acceptable:



We are absolutely committed to maintaining the uniform standard. Given the warnings that have been made, both generally and individually, throughout this term there is no reason for a girl starting 2017 without the correct uniform. Students who do not have the correct uniform at the start of next year may be asked to remain at home until this is remedied.

Please assist us in starting the year with all girls in perfect uniform so we can present a strong and proud image of the college and allow staff to focus on the teaching of your daughters.

Doing the Right Thing

Congratulations to **Hayley Wacker** (7 Wright), **Nicola Willmette** (7 Wright), **Isabella Nardi** (8 Kenny) and **Molly Kemp** (8 Gilmore). They have been selected to receive a \$5 canteen voucher for college service.

Appreciation of Honesty

Students at Caroline Chisholm College regularly display outstanding honesty in returning items they find on the college grounds. Often these can be of quite substantial value. Students handing in found items receive a certificate of appreciation. I would like to congratulate the following students who have handing items in over the last fortnight: **Georgia Tattersall** (7 Jackson) and **Madison D'Angelis** (10 MacKillop).

Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal



Caroline Chisholm College Skoolbag App

This is a reminder that Caroline Chisholm College has a school app. The Caroline Chisholm app is custom built to service the needs of our school community, by improving communication between the school and our families and making it easier to stay up to date with all school information and events.



Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Caroline-Chisholm-College>

Face book is a social media platform that most people use for hours every day, and teenagers practically live on it. Why not harness this for the benefit of college communication? Keep informed of the wonderful things the college community is involved in and check out photos of many special occasions and events within the college.



Twitter - <https://twitter.com/CCCGlenmorePark>

Twitter is the fastest growing social media site in the world at present. Limited to 140 characters, each tweet can provide a short but sweet link to very valuable information about the college community and things happening at Caroline Chisholm College.



Dux of Year 11

Sian Johnson

Year 11 Outstanding Sportsperson Award

Emily Perring

Year 11 Outstanding Student Award

Sian Johnson



More photos from the presentation can be viewed on the school website or click on the following link <http://tinyurl.com/hgecx48>

First in Course

Rachael Joy	First in Course	Business Services
Sian Johnson	First in Course	Mathematics
Chantelle Arancon	First in Course	Photography Video and Digital Imaging
Lillian Neal	First in Course	Visual Arts
Sian Johnson	First in Course	Ancient History
Zoe Penson	First in Course	Biology
Elizabeth Azzopardi	First in Course	Business Studies
Sian Johnson	First in Course	Chemistry
Madeline Haydon	First in Course	Community and Family Studies
Keeley McCahon	First in Course	Dance
Clare Sheridan	First in Course	Drama
Tia Madden	First in Course	English Advanced
Ceren Narli	First in Course	English Extension 1
Claire Roberson	First in Course	English Standard
Olivia Burgin	First in Course	English Studies
Clare Sheridan	First in Course	Entertainment
Rachel Bartolo	Equal First in Course	Exploring Early Childhood
Brianna Saunders	Equal First in Course	Exploring Early Childhood
Elizabeth Azzopardi	First in Course	Food Technology
Bethany Gale	First in Course	Fundamentals of English
Bree Campbell	First in Course	Hospitality
Tia Madden	First in Course	Japanese Continuers
Ceren Narli	First in Course	Legal Studies
Zoe Penson	First in Course	Mathematics Extension1
Tia Madden	First in Course	Mathematics General
Yar Dhieu	First in Course	Modern History
Chantelle Arancon	First in Course	Music 1
Arabella Steele-Allen	First in Course	Music 2
Lucy Harris	First in Course	Personal Development Health and Physical Education
Sian Johnson	First in Course	Physics
Tiana Watts	First in Course	Primary Industries
Arabella Steele-Allen	First in Course	Religion Catholic Studies
Farkhanda Russull	First in Course	Society & Culture
Elise Pelle	First in Course	Sport Lifestyle & Recreation
Sian Johnson	Equal First in Course	Studies of Religion I
Ceren Narli	Equal First in Course	Studies of Religion I
Elizabeth Azzopardi	First in Course	Studies of Religion II

Year 11 Gold Awards

Elizabeth Azzopardi	Emma Dimech	Tia Madden
Hannah Azzopardi	Sophie Douglas-Torrie	Keeley McCahon
Rachel Bartolo	Lucy Harris	Ceren Narli
Ashleigh Camenzuli	Madeline Haydon	Lillian Neal
	Sian Johnson	Zoe Penson

Georgia Pirrone
Lily Popovich
Brianna Saunders
Leia Townsley



EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Tylah Studdert** and **Olivia McCully** who represented the college in the Camden Interschool's Equestrian Competition in September. Tylah placed 2nd in both the 75 and 90cm showjumping and Olivia placed 3rd in the versatility class and 4th in best presented events. Both girls are to be commended for the commitment and dedication they have shown caring for their horses and for the many hours they have spent practising for these events. It has been a successful equestrian season for both girls and we look forward to seeing them compete next year. Well done ladies!



Equestrian competitors **Tylah Studdert** (7 Macarthur) and **Olivia McCully** (7 Macarthur) with **Katelyn Fenech** (9 Wright) who was a supporter on the day

Mrs Jeanette Cocks - Leader of Learning Year 7

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Imogen Van-Stolk (Year 8) is delighted to be joining Packemin Youth productions as a member of the senior ensemble alongside an exceptionally talented cast and crew. With a huge cast comprised of the cream of Australia's best young talent, and featuring Special Guest Star **Simon Pryce** (The Wiggles, Phantom of the Opera) as Old Deuteronomy /Bustopher Jones.

Composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, **CATS** is based on *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* by T. S. Eliot. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make what is known as *The Jellicle Choice* and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life. **CATS** introduced the song standard "Memory". The first performance of **CATS** was in 1981 and it is currently the fourth longest running musical in West End and Broadway history with 8,949 and 7,485 performances respectively. Packemin Youth Productions will present 16 shows in January at The Concourse Theatre, Chatswood.

JARARA INDIGENOUS AWARDS

On Wednesday 23rd November, **Mr King** and I were pleased to attend the Parramatta Diocese Jarara Indigenous Awards in Blacktown. The awards were to recognize the achievements of indigenous students throughout the parish.

In addition to seeing many students receive a variety of awards, the audience was treated to singing and traditional dances and many jokes from an amusing MC, Clarence Slookee.

Ashleigh Bridge, of Year 11, attended the ceremony with her family and received two awards for Achievement and Leadership.

This year, Ashleigh has also been the recipient of the Future Leaders Indigenous Leadership award which came with a cash prize of \$500.

Caroline Chisholm College is very proud of Ashleigh's achievements, as well as the achievements of our other indigenous students.



Mrs Wendy Merriman - Indigenous Liaison

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Congratulations to all students involved in reading challenges throughout 2016. Gold awards were given to students who have been involved in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge for 4 years – **Elise Flynn, Taranpreet Kaur, Sujin Park** and **Lara Roser**. Platinum awards were given to students participating for 7 years – **Thalia Godfrey, Christine Muscat, Bernadette Wakeling, Parnia Dehghani Firouzabadi, Isabella Nardi** and **Bonnie Steel** and medals to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to reading by completing Years 3 – 9 – **Rebecca Borg** and **Lily Marmont**. Please consider being involved in next year's challenges as reading is the easiest and most enjoyable way to improve your writing. Details of the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge are at the link <http://parra.catholic.edu.au/summer-reading-challenge>.



Textbook lists for 2017 have been sent home and are available online at www.campion.com.au using our school code "W4UX". Students doing elective courses next year (Years 9 and 10) only need to purchase texts for the electives they are doing. Texts may also be available through the Second-Hand Bookstore on the school website, where students can buy and/or register to sell current books in good condition. <http://www.carolinechisholm.nsw.edu.au/blogs/books/> If you have any questions, please check with your teachers or Library staff.



Thank you to all the students and families that have borrowed and returned books throughout the year. **All books overdue need to be returned no later than Friday 9th December.** After this date notes will be sent home in the mail to any students with outstanding books, asking for parent co-operation to return, replace or pay replacement costs for the items concerned. Any student with no overdue books is welcome to borrow over the summer holiday period.

Thank you for your support of the Library this year, and on behalf of the library and IT staff, I wish you a safe, happy and relaxing holiday, hopefully with a good book in your hand.

Mrs Teresa O'Keeffe - Teacher / Librarian

IKEA EXCURSION

On the 24th November, the Year 12 Business Studies students visited IKEA, Rhodes to gain a practical understanding of IKEA and in particular its design, size and the special features IKEA has compared to other home furnishing stores. The day began with an insightful quiz on the coach to IKEA. The whole group learnt very interesting/hilarious fun facts about IKEA. One interesting fact in particular was that in the past American's were mistaken as they thought the IKEA vases were drinking glasses, and this was because they thought the actual drinking glasses were too small. This case study is one of many we will incorporate into our HSC Business Studies preparations in 2017.

Thank you to **Ms Dunne** and **Mr McNamara** for the opportunity to investigate a contemporary global business and making our class work so relevant.

Written by Year 12 2017





LINGUAFEST 2016

As part of our Stage 5 PBL, the Year 9 and Year 10 Japanese elective classes created short films in Japanese to enter two competitions – the Modern Language Teachers Association’s “LinguaFest” and the Japan Foundation’s “Video Matsuri”.

The students created original short films based on the theme of a dream. They also had to include a balloon and an ice-cream in their film to meet the competition requirements.

The year 10 class were very excited to find out that their short film, “Dreamer Chocolate” had made the state finals of LinguaFest.

On Friday 25th November, the class attended the finals at the Event Cinema in George Street to see all of the short-listed films presented in a variety of languages – French, Macedonian, Hindi, Indonesian, Hebrew, Arabic, Italian, Chinese, German and, of course, Japanese. Although, they did not win any further prizes, it was a great experience to see all of the films and get some good tips for next time.

Angel Jojo reflected on her experience on the way home:

Ever since Miss sent us the email about our short film being selected as a final in the LinguaFest competition, we were looking forward to the screening. It was special because we hadn’t won previously. Making this film allowed us to practise speaking and conversing naturally and fluently in Japanese. We enjoyed watching the other films from Stage 3,4 and 5 and were glad to see our own film on the big screen. Also, it didn’t feel like school business but a fun day out in the city with our class since also had lunch together at a nice Japanese restaurant. I would also like to thank Mrs Merriman, our awesome Japanese teacher, for taking the time and effort to make this day possible for us.

Mrs Wendy Merriman - Leader of Learning LOTE



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

On Friday 25th November 2016, a group of Caroline Chisholm students and teachers attended the Penrith City Council Walk against Domestic Violence. It was a 3.5 km walk at the Nepean River starting at Weir Reserve and ending at Tench Reserve. It was a great afternoon and I was glad to see the number of students who came down and showed their support for the ongoing issue.

I would also like this opportunity to thank everyone who supported Kenny. In total, we raised \$1003 which will be going to the Penrith Women’s Refuge to support women who are victims of Domestic Violence.



Madeline Haydon - Kenny House Leader

Year 12 Formal

More photos from the Formal can be viewed on the school website or click on the following link <http://tinyurl.com/hygp3pg>



Year 12 Formal

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Drama Showcase

More photos from the Drama Showcase can be viewed on the school website or click on the following link <http://tinyurl.com/hygp3pg>





VISUAL ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 2016

We would like to invite all parents, students, friends and family to the 2016 Visual Arts and Photography Exhibition 2016. Come and see the wonderful works from this year exhibited with all the other students' works from Year 7 -12.

On Tuesday 6th December, the exhibition will be opened by artist, Mehwish Iqbal. Mehwish has worked with students in Year 10 and 11 this year in our extension program, working on artworks that were exhibited in the Penrith Regional Gallery show, *Zwolowa, a Celebration of Lofa Community and Culture* in May. Mehwish has just finished a show at Blacktown Arts Centre and is working on a solo show for 2017 as well as on international projects for Istanbul and New York. It is a great honour that she will be here to open our exhibition.

The exhibition is open from 4.30pm to 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December and then all day Wednesday 7th December from 9am to 4pm in the top of the S Block.

We really would like you to see the work shown in this professional context and to see the depth of talent of the students across the college.

Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts

"LOCAL WATER, LOCAL LIFE" PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media students, Jessica Murray was awarded 3rd places in the Youth category for the "2016 Environmental Photography Competition. Over 165 entries were submitted covering the theme "Water – Life - Growth". Special guest judge and professional photographer Katrina James selected the winning images.

The competition, sponsored by Penrith City Council asks adult and youth photographers to create images of Penrith's local waterways or the plants and animals that rely on them.

Jessica was awarded a gift voucher as her prize and her work can also be seen along with other winners on the link below

<https://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/photocomp/>

Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts



Jessica Murray, Year 9, Take Off

**YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS WORKS NOMINATED AND SELECTED FOR ARTEXPRESS**

We were notified recently that 7 students from the Year 12 Visual Arts class had their Body of Work retained by the Board of Studies to be considered for selection for the prestigious ArtExpress exhibitions held early in 2017 at venues such as the NSW Art Gallery. Visual Arts students submit for their artmaking component of their HSC examination a body of work, a selection of artworks that illustrate their artmaking practice. These works are marked over a month in October at the Board of Studies marking centre. One of the criteria for inclusion in the selection pool is that the works generally need to have received marks that are at the very top of the 'A' range.

The following students were nominated: **Chantelle Al Khouri, Claudia Beghetto, Nicoletta Bellino, Tara Dangerfield, Brodie Deigan, Gabriella Mulock and Brooke Vincent.** We congratulate these students. It also reflects the overall high standard of work from all of the Year 12 Visual Arts students in the 2016 Visual Arts classes and it is very exciting that these HSC Visual Arts students have achieved this honour.

Last Friday we were notified that works by 6 of the 7 students were selected for Artexpress at the following venues.

Claudia Beghetto, Ceramics, *Where the Wild Things Are*. The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park, Grafton Regional Gallery

Nicoletta Bellino, Ceramics, *Avant Garde*. Campbelltown Arts Centre

Tara Dangerfield, Ceramics, *Anatomia*. Tamworth Regional Gallery, Campbelltown Arts Centre

Brodie Deigan, Ceramics *Case No. CAS575235: The Horticulturalist*. Moree Plains Gallery

Gabriella Mulock, Ceramics, *La Feuille (Leaf)*. The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park, Western Plains Cultural Centre)

Brooke Vincent. Photomedia, *Great Western Graphic*. Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre

Year 12 teachers, **Mrs King** and **Ms Cusack** are very grateful for the support from **Ms Eyles**, and **Ms Wood**. All of the teachers put in many hours of extra time during the school day and after school, on weekends and in their holidays. The girls have been very fortunate to have teachers who have given so much to assist them to achieve their goals and this high standard.

Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts



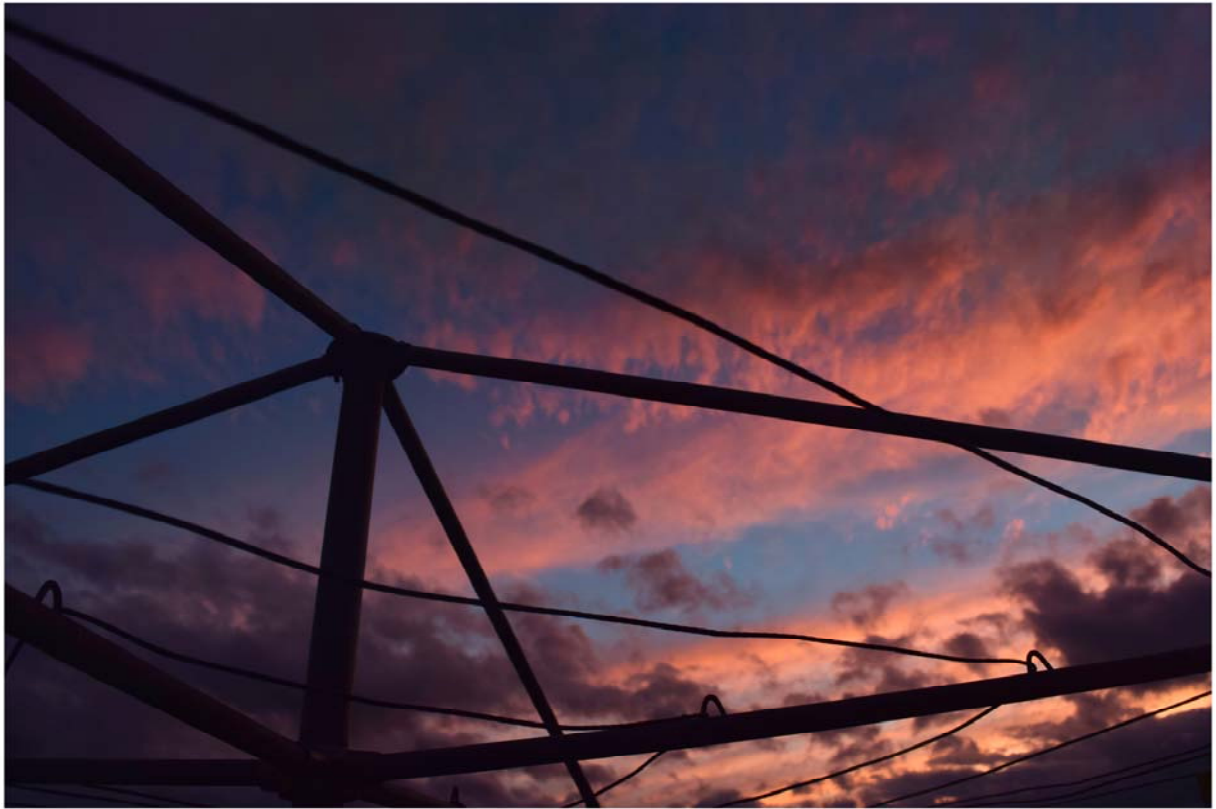
Nicoletta Bellino: *Avant Garde*, Ceramics



Gabriella Mulock: *La Feuille (leaf)* Ceramic



Brodie Deigan: *Case No CAS575235 The Horticulturist*, Ceramics



Brooke Vincent: *Great Western Graphic*, one of 12 photos



Claudia Beghetto: *Where the wild things are*, Ceramics



Tara Dangerfield: *Anatomia*, Ceramics

HISTORY MASTERMIND COMPETITION

Congratulations to a number of Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the History Mastermind Competition on Friday 25 November at St Clair High School and returned with a lovely book prize for our library. It was an enjoyable and challenging day during which a large number of students from around the region shared their delight in a wide variety of historical topics and fun facts. We were faced with the truism 'the more you know, the more you realise how much you don't know'! We will start preparing our historical knowledge for next year's competition now!

Year 7

Emily Farrell
Kaleesha Short
Christine Muscat
Bernadette Wakeling
Azahlia Stevenson
Tahlia Godfrey
Grace Wood
Emily Cunningham

Year 8

Claudia Fava
Alison Gallen
Skyla Begnell
Emily Lakeman
Ariba Mahmood
Paige Colgate
Saakshi Singh
Areba Ahmed
Keisha Chilmaid



Mrs Natalie Vella - Leader of Learning HSIE

**ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS 2016****Tournament of Minds**

Three teams competed in this challenging, fun, team problem solving competition. All three of our teams were awarded Tournament Honours at the Regional Final. This is a fantastic result and a direct reflection of the excellent, creative and lateral thinking of 21 incredible young women.

Congratulations to the following teams:

Language Literature – Jessie Penza, Monique Buksh, Micquella Grima, Skyla Begnell, Areeba Ahmed, Angelique Minas, Caitlin Sheridan.

Social Science – Christine Muscat, Mia Hosking, Paige Colgate, Saakshi Singh, Alexia Nicholopoulos, Chloe Daley, Tori Ellul.

Science Technology – Nicola Wilmette, Kaleesha Short, Claudia Fava, Abby Drinkwalter, Alison Coutinho, Claudia Dixon, Sukamrit Sandhu.

**Logical Thinking Challenge**

A number of girls in Year 7 and 8 participated in a Logical Thinking Challenge, run by the University of Melbourne. Congratulations to Lila Anderton (Year 7), Alanah Eisenhuth, Claudia Fava, Isabella Nardi and Chelsea Tran (Year 8) who achieved results placing them in the top 30% of Australian students.

ICAS is a series of international competitions in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

138 papers were completed this year.

70% of our students achieved in the top 30%, with 94 awards, triple that of 2015: 9 Merits, 52 Credits, 29 Distinctions and 4 High Distinctions were achieved.

Congratulations to all of the girls who participated.

A special mention to the following students, for achieving a Distinction (top 6%) or High Distinction (top 1%) of Australian competitors.

Year 7

Distinctions

Mathematics: Lila Anderton, Emily Farrell, Christine Muscat

Science: Monique Buksh

Writing: Jaspreet Bhullar, Monique Buksh

High Distinction

Writing: Christine Muscat

Year 8

Distinctions

Digital Technologies: Tiarna Parkinson

English: Tiarna Parkinson

Writing: Skyla Begnell, Paige Colgate, Tiarna Parkinson

Mathematics: Miquella Grima

(Principal's Award for the highest score in ICAS Mathematics in the College)

Year 9

Distinctions

English: Lilly-Rose Saliba, Caitlin Sheridan

Writing: Claudia Dixon, Isabella Meekings, Angelique Minas, Sarah Mundy, Sukhamrit Sandhu

Mathematics: Claudia Dixon, Alexia Nicholopoulos, Caitlin Sheridan

Gold Award in Language Perfect English Championships: Claudia Dixon

High Distinction

Writing: Caitlin Sheridan

(Principal's Award for the highest score in ICAS Writing in the College)



Year 10

Distinctions

Mathematics: Ashlin Biju

English: Katherine Wakeling

Writing: Elizabeth Wakeling

High Distinction

English: Jennifer Cooper

Year 11

Distinctions

Mathematics: Zoe Penson, Sian Johnson

English: Farkhanda Russull, Elizabeth Azzopardi

Writing Elizabeth Azzopardi

Year 12

High Distinction

English: Reena Mukherjee

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievements.

Mrs Louise Wakeling - Learning Enrichment Facilitator

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Danielle Todd for winning the Public Speaking portion for the Lions Club Youth of the Year Award held on the 13 and 14 November.

Danielle had to stand in front of a group to talk on an impromptu question. The two questions were:

1. Considering recent elections in Australia and America – Do you believe that all elections should have compulsory voting?
2. Recently, an Australian judge dismissed charges of offensive language against three protestors who were caught on camera chanting swear words – do you think people should be free to use any language they wish in public?

It takes a great talent to stand in front of a group to talk on a subject and Danielle spoke perfectly for five minutes on the individual set topic.



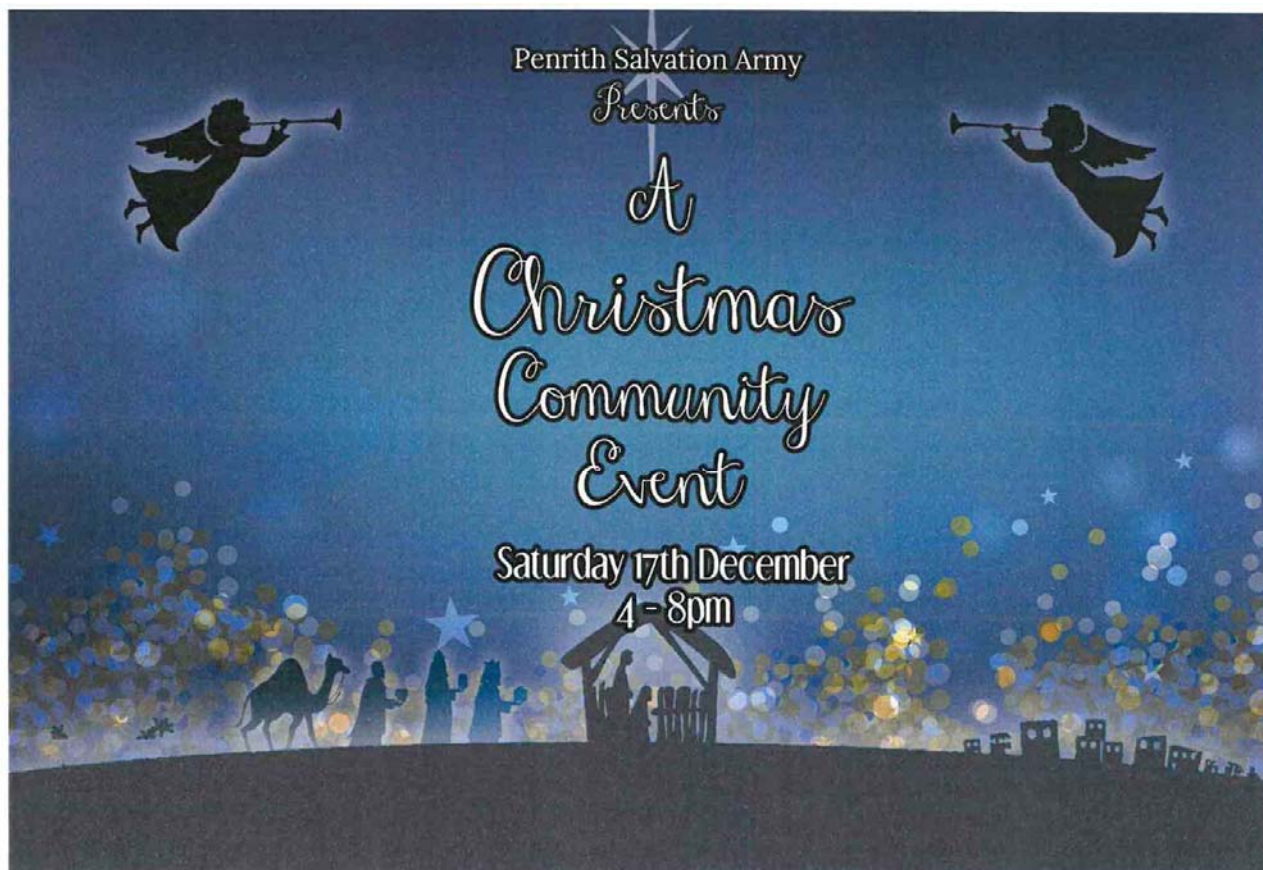
Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop hours in 2017 will be Tuesday 8.00 till 11.30 am.

A reminder that current Year 9 Students will be moving into Senior uniform in 2017. They will need a Senior blouse, jumper and blazer. Orders are now being taken.

In the holidays the Uniform shop will be open on the following days Monday 23 January, Tuesday 24 January, Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 January between the hours of 9.00 - 12.00 and reopen 12.30 - 2.30 pm.

Any enquiries please contact Karen Chester on 4737 5522 or email kchester@parra.catholic.edu.au





Penrith Salvation Army
Presents
A
Christmas Community Event
Saturday 17th December
4-8pm

- sausage sizzle • face painting • jumping castle
- devonshire tea/coffee • drinks
- With Carols on the lawn • And a visit from Santa
- BYO chairs and rugs

If raining, event will be moved to indoors.

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