



eCollege News



FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Called to be Saints

This weekend we celebrate two great feasts of the Catholic Church: **Feast of All Saints** and the **Feast of All Souls**. The first reminds of us role models of living out our faith, and the latter calls us to remember those who have gone before us and now reside with God.

St Paul in his letters to the various churches of the early Church challenged the Christian family to be **saints**. Yes, this is an onerous challenge to live out, but one which Gospel people are called to be. Let us pray, in all humility, for **sainthood**, knowing that such a life calls for great accountability and responsibility for others welfare – **being a person for others**.

Recently we hosted **Mr Montri Yamsope, Mrs Orathai Yamsopee and Miss Supaporn Hermkhunthod** during their visit to Australia to observe literacy education. They are the principal and lead teachers of **Wat Ban Dannok School**. This is the school that we visit to teach English each year. We have been conducting our **Thai Immersion Program** for Year 11 students for three years. It is a very successful program.

Let us continue to remember the troubled parts of our world. Let us work for an understanding and an appreciation of culture, religion, traditions and customs.



Hopefully these insights will assist us in building peace and harmony.

New Assistant Principal Announcement

I am pleased to announce that **Mr Nicholas Thrum** will be the new Assistant Principal - Students (Well-being) commencing 2015. He comes with a wealth of experience in pastoral care and student well-being. He is currently Director of Student Well-being at Delany College. I congratulate him and warmly welcome him to our great college.

God Bless you,

Nicholas Vidot
Principal

Faith in Christ is the College motto. *Faith in Christ gives us our sense of meaning and purpose.*

Coming Events

3rd November

Year 7—9 Exams

11th November

Student Forum

Year 9 Commerce
Excursion

19th November

Year 10 Business
Simulation

24th November

Year 10 Church Visit
Year 8 Science
Education Interactive

25th November

Year 9 Science
Education Interactive

27th November

Senior Music Students
Album Launch

28th November

St Andrews Day

1st December

Year 10 Ryda Road
Safety Excursion

3rd-5th December

Year 10 Camp

8th December

Year 7 2015
Orientation Day

11th December

House Cup Day

15th December

Year 11 Daytime
Prize giving

16th December

Yr 11 Pool & Picnic Day

Year 7-9 Daytime
Prize giving

Last day for students

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LEADERSHIP TEAMS 2014

College Leadership Team

College Principal
Assistant Principal Learning Communities
Assistant Principal Learning & Teaching (Acting)
Assistant Principal Leading Learning
Leader of Learning Religious Education
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

Mr Nic Vidot
Ms Shauna Nash
Mr Anthony Culbert
Ms Lisa-Maree Browning
Mrs Tania Melki
Mrs Melissa Welch
Mrs Julie Sabine

Leader of Learning—Administration Senior Campus

Ms Tracey Thomson

Leader of Learning—Administration Junior Campus

Ms Simone McKechnie

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Senior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Mr John Morrissey
Mr Antonio Chiappetta
Mr Alan Johnson
Miss Claudine Desira
Ms Tracey Thomson
Mrs Caroline O'Hare
Mr Scott McLeod

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Junior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Mr Andrew Kuchappan
Mrs Pauline Ryan
Mrs Helen Sobiesiak
Mr Nathan Weaver
Mr David Carey
Mrs Wendy Rudman
Mr Michael Said

Leaders of Learning—KLA

Leader of Learning Support
Leader of Learning Technologies

Ms Karen Smith
Mrs Sarah Anzellotti

Leaders of Learning—Pastoral Care

Leader of Learning - Pastoral Care
Leader of Learning - Year 7
Leader of Learning - Year 8
Leader of Learning - Year 9
Leader of Learning - Year 10
Leader of Learning - Year 11
Leader of Learning - Year 12

Mrs Sue Cooper
Miss Andrea Mansfield
Mr Peter Bowd
Ms Melissa Blackwell
Mrs Carol Martin
Mr David Frankham
Mrs Dianne McKinnon

College Careers Adviser

Ms Therese May

School Counsellor Junior Campus (Tue, Wed and Fri)

Mrs Anne Ross

School Counsellor Senior Campus (Mon and Tues)

Mrs Anne Bezzina

Leader of Learning—Sport Coordination Mr Liam O'Kane



“Faith doing Justice”

“Doing More Going Beyond”

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LEADING LEARNING: PASTORAL CARE

St Andrews Day - 28th November

This is an annual highlight of our College calendar and detailed information regarding the format of the day was sent home with students today. This year the activities after the Mass and Leaders Induction includes amusement rides. As per the letter, students may prepay the \$25 for the rides at the College office or purchase on the day from the booth. I look forward to a wonderful day of celebration.

Uniform

Generally, the students continue to wear their uniform well and I would like to thank parents for their support in maintaining the expectations of the College in this area. Could I ask that you please check the length of your daughters skirts as some seem to have experienced a growth spurt. Others however, are rolling them. May I ask that you talk to your daughter about this as uniform infringements are issued for this offense and understandably it surprises some parents when their daughters receive consequences regarding the length of their skirt when they leave home at regulation length.

Student Absence

A reminder to parents that notes must be submitted to the office within seven days of an absence or an unexplained absence will be recorded.

Lisa-Maree Browning

Assistant Principal Leading Learning: Pastoral Care



“Being a Person For Others”

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

School Fees

Reminder that fees are well over due, please contact the office to finalise your 2014 accounts immediately.

If you wish to discuss your school fees, please telephone Simone McKechnie on 9626 4006.

New College Telephone Number

During the September school holidays, the College had a phone system upgrade. The old number 9626 1999 was disconnected during this time.

Effective from the beginning of term 4, 2014 the new number for contacting the College is **9626 4000**.

Uniform Shop

Students who will be continuing onto the Senior Campus in 2015 are advised that the senior white shirts are available for purchasing in Term 4. Reminder that all items are available from the uniform shop which is located on the Junior Campus. The Uniform Shop is opened only on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am - 9:30am.

Office Hours

Senior Campus 8:30am - 3:30pm
Junior Campus 8:00am - 4:00pm

Melissa Welch
Business Manager



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday

8:30am—9:30am

Thursday

8:30am—9:30am

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Snow Cones \$4.00

St Andrews Day Friday 28th November 2014

St Andrews Day is a time to celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew and our great College.

To celebrate this wonderful day staff and students will have the opportunity to have some fun!!!

Unlimited ride tickets will be available for both students and staff to pre-purchase from the school office on both campuses till 26 November

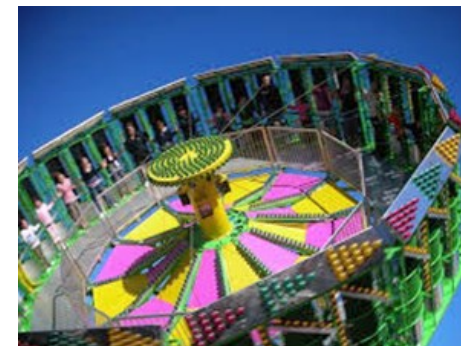
Cost \$25.00 per band for unlimited rides



FAIRY FLOSS



Fairy Floss \$4.00



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FROM THE COLLEGE CAREERS ADVISER

UWS Advantage

The UWS Early Offer Program is designed to give as many 2014 HSC students as possible the opportunity to study at UWS. Interested HSC leavers should email admissions@uws.edu.au to see if they may be eligible for an Early Offer at UWS.

Not all UWS courses are available through the Early Offer Program. Courses such as Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatric Medicine, Midwifery and Paramedicine have strict quotas, however there are around 150 other courses on the Early Offer course list.

Your Regional and Subject Bonus Points will be taken into consideration when UWS let you know what category of courses are available to you.

The UWS Early Offer may be a great way for many students to get their university place finalised. All you need to do is follow the steps below.

Step 1

5 December - Ensure you have a UAC preference for UWS

If you would like the opportunity to receive an Early Offer from UWS, be sure you have a UWS course as one of your preferences by midnight 5 December. UWS will send you an email after you receive your ATAR and let you know what Early Offer courses are available to you.

Step 2

18 December - ATAR released. Choose your UWS course from the UWS email sent to you and make the course your 1st preference

When you receive your ATAR, UWS will email you a link to the category of courses available to you. Simply pick one of those courses and make it your 1st preference by midnight on 18 December.

Step 3

19 December - Receive your Early Offer from UWS or UWSCollege and enrol online

If you have picked a course in the category you are eligible for and made it your 1st preference, you will receive an email with a Formal Offer from UWS or UWSCollege after 5.00pm on the 19th of December. If you wish to accept your offer you can enrol online. The email will give you instructions on how to do this.

Step 4

22 December - UWS students can pick up their student card and iPad from the Parramatta Campus

Once you have completed your UWS online enrolment you can go to the UWS Parramatta Campus on December 22nd and collect your student card and your iPad.

If you are a UWSCollege student you can visit Student Central on any UWSCollege Campus to collect your student card. iPad collection for UWSCollege students will commence towards the end of March 2015, following the census date. You will receive more information on how to collect your iPad closer to that date.

Students wishing assistance with the UWS Early Offer Program or any other UAC or University process are encouraged to see Ms May.

Mastering the HSC

Mastering the HSC is a unique and powerful program designed to motivate, empower and organise students so that they can develop the necessary skills to maximise their HSC results.

Students will:

- learn how average students obtain Band 6 results each year;
- learn how students improve their Year 11 results to secure positions in Medicine and Law;
- be motivated and inspired by special guest speakers;
- discover the common mistakes made by past HSC students and how to avoid them;

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- receive exclusive advice from Australia's leading learning and study skills specialists;
- get ahead and maximise results in the English Area of Study (Discovery) assessments;
- benefit from in-depth advice and instruction from select HSC teachers and exam markers;
- learn what to expect next year, challenges to watch out for and how to prepare for and conquer these;
- discover strategies that can be implemented now, so as to reduce stress and workloads for next year.

Students will also be able to attend lectures in:

- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Extension 1

An interactive session on the UMAT:

- Why is the UMAT important?
- Why is the UMAT used for selection?
- What type of questions are asked in the UMAT?
- Is it necessary to prepare for the UMAT?
- What strategies can I use to solve UMAT-type questions?
- What are the pathways to get into Medicine or Dentistry?
- What if I don't do well in the UMAT?
- What types of questions are asked in interviews?
- What happens after graduation?
- What is the career of a doctor like?

The School For Excellence is offering these lectures **free of charge**, however students are required to make a **minimum donation of \$10** to the charity representative that will be in attendance on the day.

All proceeds collected will be donated to The Fred Hollows Foundation.

Note: Students who attend both Mastering the HSC dates will be required to make a \$10 donation on each day.

Dates and Venues:

Saturday 15 November – University of Sydney

Sunday 23 November – University of New South Wales

Interested students should to visit www.tsfx.com.au for further information and enrolment details.

Therese May
Careers Adviser.

Craft Market and Antique Valuation for CareFlight

The eighth Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation will be held on Saturday, 22 November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall.

There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violet plants and much more. ***The market is one month before Christmas, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas.***

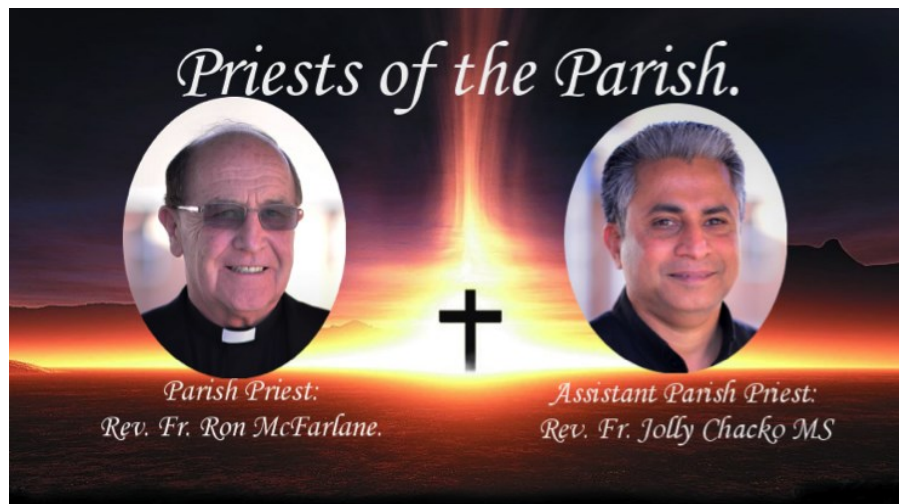
There will be Professional Antique Valuations commencing at 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Valuations can be done on large paintings from a photo of the painting and the artist's signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00.

This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am.

Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.

For further information contact events@olqp.org.au or www.facebook.com/OLQPevents

ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH



Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 7.30am, 8.45am, 10.30am

Weekday Masses Monday to Wednesday 9:00am
Thursday 8:00am Saturday 9.00am

Novena Mass: Wednesdays 7.00pm

Mass for the Sick: 9.00am - 4th Saturday of the month

Visitations and Communion to the Sick and Housebound:
Please contact the Parish Office

Holy Days of Obligation and other special Feast Days: 7.00am,
9.15am, 12 noon and 7.00pm

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning after 8.45am Mass
Holy Hour: Every 1st Friday 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning after 8.45am Mass

Youth Mass: Every 3rd Friday 7.00pm - Followed by SAYWAT program. (Saint Andrews Youth Word and Teaching).
Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10:30am on First Weekend of each month

**To the families who have children they wish to be prepared
for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation)
first Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2015**

In 2011, the Diocese of Parramatta released a revised *Sacraments of Initiation Policy* for children preparing for the above mentioned sacraments. The process of preparation for these sacraments remains as a parish based, family centred program which creates particular opportunities for parents to continue sharing their faith with their child at the appropriate time. The sequence for the reception of these sacraments has returned to the order that you may remember as a child.

The *Sacraments of Initiation* are **Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. The Sacrament of **Penance**, sometimes called *Reconciliation* or *Confession*, is also an important part of the journey of faith for all of us. It is necessary to receive this Sacrament before you are able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As with all Sacramental Programs it is essential that parents and children are involved. While the students are supported by religious studies in the schools, the actual preparation takes place on a parish and home level. Parents and children are required to attend Sunday Mass and classes, and parents are helped by Facilitators who conduct the sessions.

Each year there are opportunities for your children to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. This is based on the presumption that they have already received the **Sacrament of Baptism**, as this is the prerequisite for all other Sacraments. Usually the **Sacrament of Penance** is received in Year Two. **First Holy Communion** may be received the year after the **Sacrament of Penance** is received. Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** may begin when your child has entered Year 5 or Year 6 and have already made their First Holy Communion.

Parents have an essential role in discerning when their children are ready to be prepared for the Sacraments. When they believe this is the case they should present the children for registration in the appropriate Sacramental Program.

There is a definite commitment required of families involved in Sacramental Programs. Parents will have to attend one or two *Parent*

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Education Evenings in regard to the Sacraments concerned. There will also be an *Enrolment Ceremony* conducted during Mass on a Sunday morning. **Attendance at the 8:45am Sunday masses and all classes during the Sacramental Preparation Program are compulsory.**

What does 'Parish-Based Preparation Programs mean?

What this means in practice is that families need to present their children to their own parish community for preparation.

In other words for people to be eligible to receive the sacrament in St Andrew's Parish, Marayong, they need to fulfil one of the following criteria:

- The family must live within the parish boundaries of the Parish *and/or*
- The families need to have chosen this parish as their parish community and this is expressed by ...
 - their registering as parishioners of this Parish and
 - their participation in the life of this parish community.

If you do not live within the parish boundaries of St Andrew's, or are not registered as a parishioner of the parish, you will need to explain why you are seeking the Sacraments here at St Andrew's. This should be done before the Registration Night. It will require an appointment with one of the Priests or the Sacramental Coordinator. Attendance at the schools in the parish does not automatically make one a parishioner of this parish. As all Sacramental Programs are parish based, it is normally the case that Sacraments are received in the parish where you live or the parish where you worship and are involved.

If your child was baptised at a Church other than St Andrew's Marayong, you will need to bring along a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate.

What should you do now?

The Program for 2015 is outlined below. Please note in your diaries the Registration Period for each Sacramental Preparation Program you wish to enroll your child for and register in person at the Parish Office during that period.

(Only PARENTS can collect a Registration form for their child/children.)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion (For children in Year 3 and above who have made their first Reconciliation.)

Registration Period begins: Tuesday 27th January, 2015
Registration Evening: Tuesday 10th February, 2015
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 1st & 8th March, 2015
Date of Sacrament: Saturday 21st March, 2015 (6 pm) and Sunday 22nd March, 2015 (8.45am or 12.15pm) (*Choose One*)

(Please note – Allocation to the 6pm, 8:45 am or 12:15pm masses will be based on when Registration forms are collected from parish office.)

Sacrament of Confirmation (For children in Year 5 and above who will have made their First Holy Communion before the Confirmation Ceremony.)

Registration Period begins: Monday 20th April, 2015
Registration Evening: Tuesday 5th May, 2015
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 17th May, & 24th May, 2015
Date of Sacrament: Tuesday 9th and/or Wednesday 10th June, 2015 (7.00pm)

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) (For children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised.)

Registration Period begins: Monday 6th July, 2015
Registration Evening: Tuesday 21st July, 2015
Classes (including Mass): Sundays 2nd, 9th & 16th August, 2015
Date of Sacrament: Saturday 22nd August or Saturday 29th August or Saturday 5th September, 2015 (All 9.30am) (*Choose one*)

Parish Sacramental Team
Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong