



"Prima Primum" – First Things First

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PRAYER

In this holiest week of the Church's calendar we are reminded that we are an Easter people. We recall the great mystery of our faith, that having suffered the pain and anguish of the cross to free us from the eternal pain and anguish of sin, Jesus conquered death and opened to us God's promise of eternal life.

*Give us strength, we pray, to walk faithfully with Jesus,
Even when the road we walk is rocky,
Even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness
And even when we feel betrayed.
You, Lord, are always faithful.
We stumble, we become lost, but you are steady and sure.
Give us the grace to endure our troubles,
And reveal to us the glory of your kingdom*

St Paul pray for us.
Blessed Edmund Rice, pray for us.
Live Jesus in our Hearts, forever.

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

In the first week of Lent I wrote that this period is an opportunity to reflect, reassess and realign ourselves with the values we profess. Within our College community these are the values of the Gospel, but more particularly we express these values as Respect, Responsibility and Reverence. If these values are lived out each day by EVERY member of our community - our students, staff and families - then each one will be safe, supported and successful.

At the beginning of this Term, I put a challenge to our teaching staff to reinforce these values by catching students doing the right thing; by recognising positive learning and social behaviours and rewarding them by issuing Courage Merits. I am very pleased to say that the staff have risen to this challenge. As of the beginning of this week over four and half thousand merits have been issued from Year 7 to Year 12. For many students

this has translated into Bronze and even Silver Courage Awards, and we are only one quarter of the way through the year. As parents, you should be immensely proud of our young men. I know that we are.

Giving Thanks as we Celebrate Easter

In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we celebrate Jesus' life-giving love, and we are nourished and strengthened to be able to live according to His example. As our Church journeys through Holy Week towards the resurrection I encourage you to join your parish community at the Mass of the Last Supper, Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass. If the last twelve months has taught us anything it is that we are better together. Let's join in faith to give thanks for all that God has given us.

God bless.

Mr Michael Reid
College Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR 2021

For 2021 school dates please refer to the Google Calendar



Please check out the College on Social Media on <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscatholiccollegemanly>

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The end of Term has finally reached us and with the changing weather and busyness of the Term, this break is truly needed by all. Some great events have taken place this Term, with

Liturgies, Project Compassion and sporting events. These events bring us as a community closer together and the spirit of the Houses shines through. Congratulations to all the classes for their efforts with Project Compassion, with the target reached early on the generosity of the students was evident, with the target being well exceeded.

Last week we held a Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation. It was very lovely to see some mothers join us for this event and for morning tea. Please keep an eye out for future invitations to Liturgies that parents and grandparents are always very welcome to be a part of.

This week we held the final Assembly for Term 1 and it concentrated on sporting achievements.

We acknowledged those students who were the age champions at our College Swimming carnival:

Marlee Thomas - Under 12
Lachlan Hendriks - Under 13
Oisin Daly - Under 14
Jack Doorey - Under 15
Joseph Fountain - Under 16
James Wood – Over 17

We celebrated the successes of the College swimming team that travelled to Homebush to compete in the Broken Bay carnival finishing in 3rd place and made special mention of Lachlan Hendriks who finished as the Under 13 age champion of Broken Bay Diocese and Jack Doorey who represented the Diocese at the Combined Catholic College Carnival this week. Both boys competed well and represented the College and the Diocese proudly.

The Assembly also acknowledged Savelio Tamale and Oscar Palin in their selection to the Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges Rugby League team. Congratulations to Blake Long in his selection to the Broken Bay Opens Touch team.



We also presented two awards for Sportsman of the Month:

February sportsman of the month is Jack Doorey in Year 9 for representing the College at the CCC Swimming Carnival and Selection in the Under 15 NSW Water Polo Team.

March Sportsman of the Month was awarded to Finlay Miller in Year 11 for a Gold Medal Under 17 First Aid Competition at the NSW Surf Lifesaving Titles and selection in the CCC Water Polo Team.

A great achievement for both boys. Other boys were very close in the running for these awards and I am sure that the Assembly in Term 2 will highlight some other talents.

A reminder to all students that classes resume in Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April (Day 2). All students should be in full winter uniform which includes long trousers for all Year 7-12 and for those in Year 11 and Year 12 this includes a College blazer. Haircuts should take place in the school holiday break so that all students must return to school complying with College hair guidelines as per the Student Diary. It is very disappointing to see a few boys who have decided that this week is the time that they colour their hair or have a radical haircut getting ready for the school holidays.

I pray that all members of our community have a safe and restful school holiday break.

Ms Karen Shawcross
Assistant Principal

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Monday 22nd March, the 2021 Year 12 cohort went on our Retreat to Camp Kedron in Ingleside. Over the three days the boys participated in a series of reflective, spiritual and team-building activities. Upon arrival at Camp Kedron, we were welcomed by the owner and manager of the camp, Alan and Bruce, who quickly made us feel at home before we headed off to morning tea. Each day we participated in 4 or 5 sessions with different activities between our room groups (Bandicoot and Possum). In order to win points, challenges were set out by Mr Callow with selected "secret ninjas" from each of the activities, promoting competition within the cohort and an overall sense of camaraderie.

The focus of this Retreat was to give us Year 12 students an opportunity to reflect on our spirituality based on past and present whilst considering the future. Over the three days, we had Mr Callow, Ms Toomey, Mrs Winter and Mr Chapman present to us their life stories thus far, focusing on the past, the present and the future and also what it is like to be a parent.

On the last night, the boys received letters sent in by their parents and had the opportunity to read and reflect on the letter before writing back to their families. After this we made our way through spiritual reflective stations. Ms Kalayzich led a Liturgy on the final day which was very encouraging in tying together the themes of the sessions, with personal spirituality. The boys found the Retreat very enjoyable and eye opening as a result of personal reflection, post school options, and strengthened relationships within the cohort.

On behalf of the boys, we would like to thank all of the Teachers who attended, as well as our Principal Mr Reid and the Camp Kedron Staff.

By: Reinhardt Van Staden (Year 12 student)



Mr Steven Callow
Director of Religious Education

DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

All Year 7 to Year 11 students received an Interim Report this week which reports on each student's approach to learning in each of his subjects. Year 12 students received their Half Yearly Report. The holiday period gives each student not just the opportunity to relax and refresh for Term 2, but also time to reflect on how to continue to develop as learners, ensuring that he meets the learning outcomes for each of his subjects.

Year 12 students returned to their final year of studies after the Christmas break and have made a concerted effort to meet the challenge given them by the 2020 High Achievers, and are striving to be their best as they work towards their own Higher School Certificate 2021 examinations. I encourage our Year 12 students to continue their efforts through the holidays, and while rest and relaxation is essential, it is wise to allocate some time for study and revision.

The positive vibe that emanates from the different learning spaces around the College is unmistakable. As we approach the end of a very busy Term 1 it is encouraging to see that the focus on learning is as palpable as it was at the start of Term. The diligence shown by students as they complete Assessment

Tasks, and the quality of lessons being delivered by teaching staff is a credit to all members of this school community.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter, a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming a refreshed student body back to school on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

Mrs Trish McGregor
Director of Teaching and Learning

CAREERS

Please follow the link below for our College Careers Newsletter and to subscribe to our Careers email alerts and events:

<https://stpaulsmanlycareers.com/?page=calendar-of-events>

Mr Dale Casburn
Leader of Post School Options

COLLEGE NOTICEBOARD

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment Collection Notice for parents/guardians.

It is important that if you have changed your residential address recently you must notify the College Office immediately please on 9977 5111 or email stpauls@dbb.catholic.edu.au

YOUTH MINISTRY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

St Patrick's Day

Well done to our students raising \$250 for Project Compassion with our senior Prefects making 'Shamrock Shakes' on St Patrick's Day.





Feast of the Annunciation

Last week we held a Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation and would like to thank all the wonderful mothers who attended this service.



Retreat with St Peter's and Catholic Youth of Broken Bay

Well done to our Year 10 students Harry Larcos, Joshua Goel and Ashley Steele for participating in Youth Ministry Leaders Retreat at St Joseph's Retreat Centre in Kincumber last week. The weekend featured participation in Eucharistic Adoration, meditation, labyrinth, small group discussion leading up to Mass with Bishop Anthony. Thank you to Michael Tobin at St Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah for the invitation and we look forward to offering this opportunity to our students again next year.



Year 12 Retreat

Another incredible Retreat experience was had at Camp Kedron last week. The rain could not dampen the spirit of our Year 12 students who accepted each session with open hearts and minds. Thank you to the wonderful team of staff who made the retreat such an enjoyable experience for our students and to Fr John Puliparambil for offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Holy Week

Holy Pope Francis Lenten message 2021, entitled: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20: 18), reminds us that Lent is a time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love, no matter where we are during the Easter long weekend we are able to access Church Services across the Diocese of Broken Bay.



<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/places/easter-mass-times>



Ms Joanne Kalayzich
Youth Ministry Coordinator

JAPANESE NEWS

COVID-19 may stop us travelling to Japan now, however, this has not stopped us in the language's classroom. Term 1 has been busy with many interactions using Japanese within our community.

In February, we graciously received origami hearts and chocolates from a local Girls school for Valentine's day celebrations.



We kindly returned the favour threefold for White Day on March 14th with handmade cards and chocolates demonstrating our origami and writing skills. White day is a specific day in Japan where only Girls receive chocolates from friends, colleagues and loved ones.



Year 9 celebrated Hinamatsuri- Girls day or dolls festival on March 3rd, eating chirashizushi and making origami hina dolls. We prayed for healthy growth and happiness of Girls.



We have also been practicing shodo (calligraphy) in class too, as this is a compulsory subject for students in Primary school to do in Japan. Shodo is the art of writing beautifully with ink and special paper. Year 8's practiced writing their names and the Kanji for Japan 日本 or the Kanji 男 male, or 女 female. Year 9 practiced writing Kanji for like 好き and their names too.



Education Perfect Language Competition

From March 16th to March 23rd St Paul's students competed in the online Education Perfect championships. We did spend some time on this in class, but many students continued to compete at home. We had several students receive a credit by gaining 500 points. Congratulations to Lucas Cannon, Henry Pim, Jasper Wish, Riley Fitz-Gerald, Benjamin Fergusson, Finn Kilburn and Charles Hill for their efforts. A special congratulations goes to Jai Delaney who gained himself a Bronze award with 1000 points. Well done Jai! And well done to all the students who competed!

Ganbaru cup

Another competition we are currently training for is the Ganbaru cup. Ganbaru means to try ones best in Japanese. This is a competition run by Catholic Schools Broken Bay with other schools from our Diocese competing. We have 16 boys from Year 8 who volunteer their time to compete in this competition. We have weekly training sessions to practice where students are giving up their time at Recess to practice. They are learning various words and phrases in Japanese as part of the competition vocabulary. Let's hope their practice continues into the holidays and we'll be ready for the competition day in Term 2. Good luck to the following boys in Year 8- Charlie Fleet, Benjamin Fergusson, Tully O'Connell, William Abrahamsen, Rishi Pande, Jasper Wish, Riley Fitz-Gerald, Phoenix McCluskey, Lucas Cannon, Cillian Guy, Zac Doctor, Zac French, Oliver Cashin, Connor Beat, Finley Kilburn and Aidan Jacobs.

Waka Restaurant Excursion

Last week our Stage 5 Japanese class visited Waka Izakaya in Manly. After studying phrases for eating out and dining etiquette, students put their skills to the test. Surrounded by Japanese speaking staff, students successfully ordered their lunch and conversed with the wait staff. Although nervous, the boys did very well and successfully ordered their food and drinks in Japanese. The staff at Waka opened the restaurant especially for us and commented on how well the boys spoke and conducted themselves. We would like to thank Kaz the owner at Waka for having us.



THURSDAY SPORT

Some of our Year 8 students were at the Bulldog Gym in Balgowlah for Muay Thai boxing, learning different combinations of kicks and punches.

Two of the boys participate at the gym regularly so had a sparring session that the students got to watch and give feedback on from what they had learnt – great work from Tudor and Dom!



After last Thursday's wash out of some sports due to the heavy rain, we were very pleased to have a few Year 8 students enjoy their kayaking this afternoon near Manly Wharf.



Mrs Amanda Kibby
Leader of Learning Languages

SPORT

Rugby Union

On Friday 19th March, St Paul's 1st XV took the field against St Augustine's College and beat them 20 points to 15. It was a great performance with all 16 players giving their best



ISSA Rugby League

Congratulations to Oscar Palin and Savelio Tamale on their selection into the Sydney Independent Rugby League Team.



Thursday Sport

All sport enquiries, please contact me at timothy.emmerson@dbb.catholic.edu.au

BBSSSA Sport Link

Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sport Association link:
<https://www.brokenbaysport.org.au/secondary>

Mr Tim Emmerson
Leader of Sport

HOMework CLUB

The Homework Club is run after school each Monday and will be held in classroom S22 until 4.30pm. Students are welcome to bring any work that they may need assistance with.

Mr Ben Arthurs
Leader of Diverse Learning

2021 MOSMAN YOUTH ART PRIZE

Entries for the 2021 Mosman Youth Art Prize are now open.

This long running art prize is open to artists aged 12-21 (excluding primary school students) working in a variety of media including: painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, video, photography and ceramics. Finalists will be included in the Prize exhibition which will take place from 8 May to 6 June at Mosman Art Gallery. The 2021 Prize judge is Sydney artist Abdul Abdullah.

All entries must be delivered to the Gallery on Tuesday 27 April, 8.30am to 6:00pm. An online entry form must be submitted prior to the artwork receipting day. Maximum of one entry per artist.

For more information and to read the Terms & Conditions and FAQs please visit our website;

<http://mosmanartgallery.org.au/events/2021-mosman-youth-art-prize-entries-now-open>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Edmunds or Mr Walker here at the College.

Mr Luke Edmunds
Leader of Learning Creative and Performing Arts

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located at the College Reception in the Cardinal's Palace. If your son is missing any item(s) please ask him to check with the College Receptionist to determine whether it may have been handed in.

Please label your son's uniform items. Uniforms are expensive and when they have no identification, we cannot return them to the owner.

If your son has outgrown his school uniform please consider donating any item in good condition, particularly senior uniform grey shorts, trousers and blazers – this has proven to be a very helpful solution to many boys experiencing wardrobe 'malfunctions' during the course of the school day and is a great way to recycle and reduce landfill.

The College ties are always very welcome as these are often misplaced by the boys.

PARENT LIAISON GROUP

If you are interested in being more involved with St Paul's and the Parent Liaison Group, you are very welcome. If you have any feedback or questions, please feel free to email us at plgspcc@gmail.com

Mrs Michal Brenchley and Mrs Leisa Cannon
Parent Liaison Group

CANTEEN

As well as cash, the online Flexischools ordering and payment service will be available for ordering in 2021.

To register, please follow the instructions available at the following Url,

<http://www.flexischools.com.au/>

Cut off time for lunch orders via Flexischools is 9:30am

EFTPOS is available.

We welcome new ideas and initiatives and work hard to accommodate requests.

Special dietary requirements are available on request: gluten free, dairy free, halal, vegetarian, vegan, and nut free can be catered for.

Tania and Teresa
Yummy Bears Kiosk

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on social media? Important communication will continue to be emailed, posted, and placed in the newsletter but social media is another way to keep up to date with the happenings here at St Paul's.

FACEBOOK: @stpaulscatholiccollegemanly

INSTAGRAM: spcc_manly

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BROKEN BAY NEWS

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