

Our School Newsletter



Mente manaque - With mind and hand

Principal: Sally Smithard
School Captains: Jed Garcia and Souad Khan
School Council President: Ross Abbott

TERM 1 WEEKS 5 AND 6

24 February – 6 March 2020

Important Dates – Term 1 2020

W5	Tues 25 Feb	HSIE Study Tour Information Evening, <i>Lecture Theatre, 6pm</i>
W5	Tues 25 Feb	School Council Meeting – AGM <i>Front office, 6pm</i>
W5	Fri 28 Feb	Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival, Penrith Ripples
W6	Tues 3 Mar	School photos
W6	Wed 4 Mar	Year 11 2020 – Period 4 Elevate Presentation
W7	Mon 9 Mar	Catch up session – afternoon only, School photos
W9	Tues 24 Mar	School Council Meeting <i>Front office, 6pm</i>
W10	Fri 3 Apr	Open Evening, Year 11 2021 <i>3 pm – 7 pm</i>
W11	Thur 9 Apr	Last day of Term 1

Principal's Report

Firstly, thank you for your patience on Monday 10 February 2020 following a weekend of heavy rain in Sydney resulting in many streets around St Marys being closed and flooded. Unfortunately, individual schools within the Department of Education do not make the decision to close. The Department of Education provided the advice that if parents or students have particular concerns that they should contact the SES for further information. Students who could not access the school due to surrounding flood water will be provided leave (explained) for this day as long as this information has been communicated with the school.



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Principal's Report continued

Congratulations to our SRC who have raised over \$650 on Valentine's Day for the Heart Foundation and also found the time to spread a little love.

Thank you to the Class of 2019 and their families for joining us for the Academic Excellence Assembly last Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to celebrate and recognise student excellence. There is no other event on the St Marys Senior High School Calendar that demonstrates the exceptional academic achievements of our students more than this assembly. It was an honour and a privilege for us all to be able to witness the exceptional achievements of these students from the Class of 2019. I would like to acknowledge our special guests who joined us at this prestigious event; Hon Melissa McIntosh Federal Member for Lindsay, Ms Pru Car Member for Londonderry, Ms Cathy Brennan Executive Director – School Improvement, Ms Tricia Hitchen Councillor Penrith City Council, Ms Jennifer Farrar Member of the Zonta Club Nepean Valley, Mrs Meg Shepherd Wife of the late Bernie Shepherd AM and Principal of SMSHS 1989-2004, and Mr Tony Le Bretton SMSHS School Council.

In this issue of our newsletter you will find information related to our tutorial program which provides free tutoring to students. This is a great opportunity to consolidate your learning, build your confidence and ensure that your understanding of subject specific concepts is at the level it should be.

Pedestrian safety

Due to the large number of students walking from the station in the morning concerns have been raised in relation to pedestrian safety. Students should remain on the footpath where possible and give way to cars on roads and in car parks. Students should not be walking through the staff car park, rather using the pedestrian access gates provided from the footpaths along Kalang Avenue. Parents are reminded that the safest place to drop students off in the morning is between the school and South Creek Oval or on Kungala Street near Ripples in the areas appropriately signposted by Penrith Council.

Dress code

St Marys Senior High School models itself as an adult learning environment. This philosophy brings with it additional freedoms for our young adults and responsibilities that can be challenging for some students as they transition to St Marys Senior High School.

One such challenge is our dress code. Although there is a large amount of freedom with wearing what you want consistent with our dress code, there is an expectation that you wear clothing that is appropriate for an educational organisation. In your student diaries on page 5, you will find information on acceptable and unacceptable clothing for St Marys Senior High School.

How do I get involved with the school?

Below is an extract from our last newsletter explaining how parents can be involved in the school:

St Marys Senior High School does not have a P&C group. A School Council made up of parents, students, community members and staff make up the Council and meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Every representative group has a specific number of voting rights and are elected at the annual general meeting, the first meeting of the year. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 25 February 2020 in the meeting room in the Administration Block at 6pm. If parents want to be involved in decision making related to our school and develop a better understanding of the school's operations this may be the path you choose to take. The parent representative group requires three voting members at each meeting. I encourage you to consider attending the first meeting to gain an insight into the School Council.

If you would like to attend the School Council meeting, please contact the school via the school email address stmaryssen-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au for catering purposes. At this meeting we will go over the Constitution, explaining each representative group on Council.

Sally Smithard

Principal



SMSHS Tutorial Program Timetable ~ Week A & B

TERM 1 2020

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BEFORE SCHOOL	12 Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021			12 Biology Jessica 7:20 – 8:20 am ER0015 Engineering Studies Subhas 7:15 – 8:15 am BR1011	12 Chemistry Ghaz 7:15 – 8:15 am ER0021
AFTER SCHOOL		11 Maths Advanced Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001	11 Maths Standard Anil 3:20 – 4:20 pm CTR1001	12 English Advanced Danielle 3:30 – 4:30 pm ER1001	11 Chemistry Lidija 1:38 – 2:38 pm ER0013
		12 Maths Advanced Reuben 3:30 – 4:30 pm CTR1008	12 Maths Standard Reuben 3:30 – 4:30 pm CTR1008	Physics Waran 3:20 – 4:30 pm ER0013	
		Society and Culture Dean and Kim 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0061	HSIE Faculty members 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0062	Year 11 Physics Andrew 3:25 – 4:25 pm ER0015	
		Music (Vocal Ensemble) Michael 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR0001	Commercial Studies – Extended Response Writing Skills Salochna 3:30 – 4:30 pm AR0063		
			Dance Workshop Mel 3:30 – 4:30 pm VR1005		

Students who are keen to attend any of the tutorial sessions shown should see the teacher running the session(s) for a permission note.

A note must be returned to the teacher before a student can attend a tutorial session.

School photos for 2020

1. Our school photos will be taken on **Tuesday 3 March 2020** (Week 6B of this term).
2. Each student will sit for an individual portrait picture – with students in:
 - **Year 11** meeting in front of the MPC at the **start of Period 1** (8:20 am).
 - **Year 12** meeting in front of the MPC at the **start of Period 3** (11:14 am).
3. On arriving in front of the MPC:
 - Students have their belongings with them throughout the photo process.
 - Students line up in alphabetical order according to their surnames. Initially, they will assemble in letter groups – then we will work to ensure they are in alphabetical order in these groups.
4. Classes on the day:
 - All **Year 11 students** will remain out of class all of Period 1 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 2 will be sent back to class as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
 - All **Year 12 students** will remain out of class all of Period 3 to have their photos taken, with teaching staff on supervision. Any students still needing to have their photo taken during Period 4 will be sent back to class as quickly as possible. The other lessons on the day will operate as usual.
5. Every student will pose for a picture which will then be compiled into a year group picture. *Even if a student chooses not to buy a picture, it is important that every student has a picture taken for our school and NESAs records.*
6. On the day, the photo dress code involves each student wearing **a white school shirt with the school crest** – *students will need to borrow a shirt for the photo if they do not wear their school shirt on the day.*
7. Order forms have been handed out:
 - To Year 11 students in Mentor, and
 - To Year 12 students in Personal Mentor.
8. Photos can be prepaid online via www.advancedlife.com.au or can be paid for on the day with **correct cash** or cheques (made out to *Advanced Photographers Pty Ltd*).
9. Students need to include the **correct code** for their Mentor/Personal Mentor class as their roll class on the order form – these codes are included on the following pages.
10. The name written on the order form should be **the student's legal/official name** – this name is used for a number of documents in the school and for the HSC, and it should be spelt correctly and written clearly.
11. If you have any questions, please contact our School Photo Coordinator, Luigi Serra in the Languages Staffroom.

Year 11 Mentor Groups – Photo codes for 2020

<i>Mentor</i>	<i>Code</i>
Sharon Lang	11MEN2A.SLA
Dean Lane	11MEN2B.DLA
Fatima De Assis	11MEN2C.FDE
Mel Jacka	11MEN2D.MJA
Peta Bailey	11MEN3A.PBA
Mel Jacka	11MEN3B.MJA
Kim Sheldon	11MEN3C. KSH
Jessica Rouse	11MEN3D.JRU
Mel Jacka	11MEN5A.MJA
Adam Bernthaler	11MEN5B.ABE
Fatima De Assis	11MEN5C.FDA
Dean Lane	11MEN6A.DLA
Dean Newbold	11MEN6B.DNE
Dave Hanslow	11MEN6C.DHA
Adam Bernthaler	11MEN6D.ABE
Dave Gagg	11MEN7A.DGA
Mel Jacka	11MEN7B.MJA
Dave Hanslow	11MEN7C.DHA
Waran Sabaratnam	11MEN7D.WSA
Nicole Leong	11MEN7E.NLE
Carla Rubelj	11MEN8A.CRU
Arthur Andrews	11MEN8B.AAN
Paul Fante	11MEN8C.PFA
Michael Nolan	11MEN8D.MNO
Sun Hwa Bae	11MEN8E.SHB
Mel Jacka	11MEN8F.MJA
Mel Jacka	11MEN9.MJA

Year 12 Personal Mentor Groups – Photo codes for 2020

<i>Personal Mentor</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Personal Mentor</i>	<i>Code</i>
Adam Bernthaler	12MEP99ABE	Lee Mifsud	12MEP99LMI
Andrew Farrugia	12MEP99AFA	Lidija Radovancevic	12MEP99LRA
Andrew Mabey	12MEP99AMA	Linda Raymond	12MEP99LRY
Angela Lievore	12MEP99ALI	Liz Hemmings	12MEP99LHE
Anil Sharma	12MEP99ASH	Luigi Serra	12MEP99LSE
Anna Sarlej	12MEP99ASA	Lyn Tuckwell	12MEP99LTU
Arthur Andrews	12MEP99AAN	Maree Phelps	12MEP99MPH
Carla Rubelj	12MEP99CRU	Matthew Topp	12MEP99MTO
Carmel Harriden	12MEP99CHA	Mel Jacka	12MEP99MJA
Chandra Mani	12MEP99CMA	Michael Nolan	12MEP99MNO
Charly Ebejer	12MEP99CEB	Mitchell Baker	12MEP99MBA
Chris Cavill	12MEP99CCA	Nicola Preston	12MEP99NPR
Danielle Ervine	12MEP99DER	Nicole Bonfield	12MEP99NBO
Dave Gagg	12MEP99DGA	Paul Fante	12MEP99PFA
Dave Hanslow	12MEP99DHA	Peta Bailey	12MEP99PBA
Dean Lane	12MEP99DLA	Prithy Chaudhary	12MEP99PCH
Dean Newbold	12MEP99DNE	Rebecca Langham (HSIE)	12MEP99RLA
Deb Robinson	12MEP99DRO	Rebecca Powell (TAS)	12MEP99RPO
Donna Sayah	12MEP99DSA	Reuben De Rooy	12MEP99RDE
Fatima De Assis	12MEP99FDE	Robert Knight	12MEP99RKN
Ghaz Siddique	12MEP99GSI	Robyn Ashworth	12MEP99RAS
Gillian Langlands	12MEP99GLA	Robyn Herbert	12MEP99RHE
Ila Perera	12MEP99IPE	Rosemary Spears	12MEP99RSP
Jan Jamieson	12MEP99JJA	Sally Smithard	12MEP99SSM
Janette Littlejohn	12MEP99JLI	Salochna Reddy	12MEP99SRE
Jesse Vassallo	12MEP99JVA	Sarah Jeffery	12MEP99SJE
Jessica Rouse	12MEP99JRU	Sharon Francis	12MEP99SFR
Jo Brines	12MEP99JBO	Sharon Lang	12MEP99SLA
Julie Robinson	12MEP99JRO	Simone Pett	12MEP99SPE
Kerri-Anne Brown	12MEP99KBR	Subhas Chand	12MEP99SCH
Kim Sheldon	12MEP99KSH	Sun Hwa Bae	12MEP99SHW
Kith Herath	12MEP99KHE	Tim Weston	12MEP99TWE
Latha Deo	12MEP99LDE	Waran Sabaratnam	12MEP99WSA
Leah Havord	12MEP99LHA		

St Marys Senior High School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Tuesday 3 March 2020

NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code

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Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder** code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020

ELEVATE!

All Year 11 students will be involved in presentations from Elevate Education during Period 4 on Wednesday

Stay tuned for more details from Mel in Cluster Meetings and in Mentor

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This fortnight @ SMSHS

Monday 24 Feb	Tuesday 25 Feb	Wednesday 26 Feb	Thursday 27 Feb	Friday 28 Feb
WEEK A Girls Knockout Volleyball Game , 2:30 pm	School Council Meeting , 6pm, School front office HSIE Study Tour Information Session , 6pm WSU Fast Forward Excursion	Knockout Boys Cricket Match Year 12 D&T – Task due and topic test Year 12 Italian Beginners – Task due Year 12 Multimedia – Task due	Werrington Zone Boys Soccer Gala Day Year 12 French Beginners – Task due Year 12 Japanese Beginners – Task due Year 12 Korean Beginners – Task due Year 12 Spanish Beginners – Task due	Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival
Monday 2 Mar	Tuesday 3 Mar	Wednesday 4 Mar	Thursday 5 Mar	Friday 6 Mar
WEEK B Werrington Zone Boys and Girls Basketball Gala Day	School Photos Textstyle and Shape Exhibitions Excursion	InConcert Rehearsal Elevate Presentation to all of Year 11 2020 – Period 4	PERIOD 0 BELL TIMES Year 12 Chemistry – Period 0 Task Year 11 Ancient History – Task due	Year 12 Modern History – Task due

Our Staff Teams

Principal:	Sally Smithard
School Leadership Team:	
- Deputy Principal (Year 12)	Danielle Ervine
- Deputy Principal (Year 11)	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
- Student Services and Wellbeing	Melissa Jacka
- First Australians	Leah Havord
- Sport and Recreation	Joanne Brines
- Business Manager	Steven Mulligan
- School Administrative Manager	Rebecca Zinghini
Student Advisers:	
- Year 12, Surnames A-G	Mitchell Baker
- Year 12, Surnames H-O	Lynette Tuckwell
- Year 12, Surnames P-Z	Jesse Vassallo
- Year 11, Surnames A-G	Nicola Preston
- Year 11, Surnames H-O	Luigi Serra
- Year 11, Surnames P-Z	Tim Weston
Learning Support:	
	Carmel Harriden
	Dianne Pyne
	Nicole Leong
	Carly McPherson
	Ashlee Pleffer
Careers Adviser:	Lynette Tuckwell

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