

# St Mary's College Gunnedah Newsletter

March 2018 Edition



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Term 1 has been as busy and hectic as always. But this week we stop for Easter.

We take a four day sabbatical. Businesses close their doors, the shops shut and people spend some quiet time with family and friends, some travel vast distances to do so. It is so important that we take this time and make the time to step back from our busy lives. To take stock. Do we still have our priorities right? Are we nurturing the relationships that are so important to us? Are we making time for the people and the things that sustain us and give meaning to our lives? Where is the Sacred in our lives? If not at Easter, well when is the right time? Easter is the time for new life. To bandage the wounds and start again. To find it in our hearts to forgive. To forgive ourselves, to forgive others, to forgive the world. It is time to move forward with renewed hope. Hope in a better self, a better relationship, a better world. It is a time to allow the Easter story to soften our hearts a little. To listen to our God. And who knows, maybe there is a surprise in store.

And may we, who share in the care of our children, be a witness to Easter in their lives and a sign of hope for their future.



*“When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him... On entering the tomb they saw a young man ... and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm’.”*

Jn 16: 1-8

*Mae Quirk*

Principal

## REFLECTION

After having listened to the word of God, this passage from the Gospel, I want to say this. The announcement: the Lord is Risen. And the women that were there to anoint the Lord's body, they found themselves in front of a surprise. The Surprise. The announcements of God are always a surprise, because ours is a God of surprises. So from the beginning of the history of salvation, there's always one surprise after another. God doesn't know how to make an announcement, a proclamation, without surprising us. And that surprise moves your heart, it touches you. It happens when you don't expect it. It's a surprise from 'down low', it takes you off guard. God's announcement was a surprise.

Pope Francis' Easter Message, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 - 12 April - Warraymalaya Retreat
- 10 - 13 April - Year 12 Retreat
- 11 April - Yr 7 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 12 April—School Advisory Council Meeting
- 13 April - Cross Country & Pink Stumps Day
- 13 April - Last Day Term 1
- 25 April - ANZAC Day March (Students are required to wear full winter uniform)
- 30 April - Pupil Free Day
- 1 May - First Day Term 2 (Students are to return in full winter uniform)
- 10 May - School Advisory Council Meeting
- 11 May - Dio Cross Country/Tennis/ Golf

## Year 12 Goals

### #RAMPITUP



# PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING

Mrs Law, the Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Coordinator, has been addressing students at the whole school briefing on Monday mornings, delivering key messages about their responsibilities as students and members of the St Mary's College community. Over the last few weeks there has been a focus on **#rampitup** with students being encouraged to 'ramp up' their respect, accountability, maturity and participation both in and out of the classroom.

For the last two weeks the message has focused on high school being all about the five minute moments. The idea came from an article written by Rebecca Sparrow for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Bullying. No Way! The article contains some key messages for all members of the St Mary's College community. Posters highlighting some of the key messages will be displayed around the school to remind students of the article on a daily basis. The article is included below:

REBECCA SPARROW: "High school is all about the five minute moments."

March 15, 2018

Sunday nights are hard. They're especially hard knowing you have to go back to school the next day.

Maybe you hate school. Maybe you hate who you \*are\* at school. Maybe you're the bully. The mean girl. The pack leader. Maybe you're the target. The person nobody sees. Maybe you're the bystander. Maybe you've been all three.

High school is all about five minute moments.

Each day – at least once – there'll be a moment when you have five minutes to decide WHO YOU WANT TO BE.

Someone annoys you.

Someone insults you.

Someone 'had it coming'.

Someone is lame or a joke or an easy target.

Someone looks up themselves on Insta or pathetic or thirsty for attention.

Someone is embroiled in gossip.

You're itching to say something. To start something. To make a mean joke to make yourself look good. But in the next five minutes - you decide which path you're going to take. You get to decide WHO. YOU. ARE.

In that five minutes when you're tempted to stick the boot in, to have a go, to be cruel, to spread a story .... don't.

Breathe. Let it go. Walk away from your device. Go outside. Drink some tea. Take a walk.

Talk to someone who brings out your best self.

# PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING

Cuddle your dog. Think about who you really are underneath that tough exterior. Think about the person you want to be in high school. If you're hurting, talk to a favourite teacher or a parent.

Don't be that person who makes others feel small to make yourself look cool.

You're better than that.

Just get through that five minutes.

Now maybe you're the target.

Maybe someone is teasing you or you're being bullied.

Maybe it feels like the walls are closing in.

Maybe you think it's always going to feel this bad.

Maybe you think they're right - that you're a loser or pathetic or have no friends.

Maybe it feels like you will never escape the gossip or the torment or the bullying.

Maybe you've lost hope. Maybe you want to say to them, "YOU WIN. ARE YOU HAPPY?"

Just give it five minutes.

Breathe. Go outside. Take a walk. Play your favourite music. Phone someone who loves you. Log on to [ReachOut.org.au](http://ReachOut.org.au). Call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Go for a run or a swim. Bake something. Eat something. Google "Ruby Rose Lisa Wilkinson Osher Gunsburg Eddie Woo Dylan Alcott bullying" and see what you find. Talk to your parents or your favourite teacher and make a plan.

Just give it five minutes and let the moment pass. It WILL pass. Just get yourself through these five minutes and let that pain pass over you and away.

High school is about five minute moments. Life is about five minute moments where we feel angry or jealous or afraid or sad. Feel the feelings and let them pass.

Your high school legacy is all those five-minute moments stitched together. In those moments did you show up as your best self? Were you kind? Loyal? Brave? Did you show integrity? Empathy? Resilience?

Take it one moment at a time. And in those moments, choose kind. Kind to others.

Kind to yourself.

**#doitfordolly**

## Year 12 Goals

**#RAMPITUP**



# RELIGION

## **PROJECT COMPASSION:**

Our Project Compassion fundraising has been very successful in 2018, but it's not over yet! The school has managed to raise around \$2500, with some fundraising activities to come.

Students are encouraged to bring in their Project Compassion donation boxes from home to the Front Office.

If you haven't accessed our online fundraising page, please go to the following link to donate:

<https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/fundraisers/St-Mary--s-College--Gunnedah>

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and a receipt can be emailed to you.

## **YEAR 12 RETREAT:**

Year 12 will be going on their Retreat in Week 11 of Term 1. Students have been given a permission note to be returned by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

A gear list and detailed itinerary will be given to students during Week 10.

Students will be visiting ISRA, the Sydney Jewish Museum and the YMT Youth Team in Wollongong.

A reminder to all parents that this is a compulsory excursion for all Year 12 students.

## **SMC YOUTH MASS:**

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, SMC students will be facilitating the Saturday night Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Chapel. All students are welcome to attend this Mass, and pizza will be provided afterwards to be eaten on the Convent Lawn.

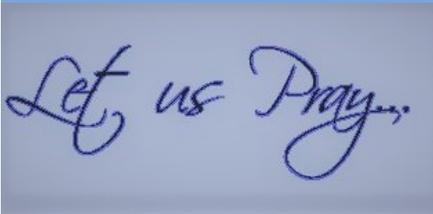
Please come along and help facilitate the relationship between St Mary's and the Parish.

## **STAFF AND STUDENT LEADER MASS:**

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, a Staff and Student Leader Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 7:00am. All students are welcome to attend, although leaders are expected to attend.

Breakfast is provided at the conclusion of the Mass in the dining room near the Chapel. Please see Miss Brooks if you would like breakfast provided.

marching at 10:00am. Students are expected to wear their full school winter uniform to the march and following service.



*“Jesus, I am in awe  
that you have  
chosen me to share  
your Gospel!”*

## **ANZAC DAY 2018:**

ANZAC Day falls in the second week of school holidays this year. Each year, St Mary's has a contingent of students that march as representatives of their school in Gunnedah, Boggabri and Curlewis. All students who wish to attend the march this year will meet outside of Mitre 10 at approximately 9:45am to commence

At 8:00am in the Chapel (Henry Street), St Joseph's will hold their annual ANZAC Day Mass. All students are welcome to attend this Mass prior to the march.

## **HISTORY OF ST JOSEPH'S PARISH:**

Father Paul McCabe has been invited to Gunnedah to deliver a number of talks on the history of St Joseph's Parish. We would like to extend an invitation to our whole school community to come to these talks. They will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May. Each talk will commence at 6pm in the Chapel and will last about 45 minutes. All are welcome.

## **PARISH NEWS:**

The Church will be closed after Easter for renovations in preparation for the Centenary celebration in June. This closure will impact services for approximately 10 weeks. All Masses and services will be held in the Chapel after Easter until the reopening of the Church on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Chapel of our Lady of Perpetual Help is located on Henry street, adjacent to the Convent gardens.

The Parish Roster for the final week of March and the first week of April has been released:

## **MINISTRY ROSTER for MASS**

### **31 March: Saturday 6.00pm**

Second Reading: Sophie Perkins

Third Reading: Eliza Perkins

Commentator: Mrs Isbester

Technology: Mrs Garnett

### **1 April: Sunday 8.30am**

Alter Server: Connor Budden

### **7 April: Saturday 6.00pm Chapel**

SMC students will be facilitating the Saturday night Vigil

### **1 April: Sunday 8.30am Chapel**

Second Reading: Zoe Palmer

## SPORTS NEWS

### Tennis

Congratulations to Andrew Osmond and Aaron Osmond on their selection in the NSWCCC Tennis team following selection trials at Parramatta on Monday 5th March. Cooper Wilkinson and Shaylee Curran-Martin also took part in the selection trials. Andrew and Aaron now go on to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Tennis selections to be held at Bathurst on Monday 26th March.

### Swimming

Congratulations to all twelve students who participated in the Diocesan Swimming selections at Moree on Thursday 8th March. Eight students were successful in making it through to the NSWCCC Swimming Championships to be held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre Homebush on Friday 6th April - Liam Novley, Sophie Williams, Andre Steele, Chloe Sumpter, Ruby Henry, Ava Hannaford, Chelsea Palmer and Zoe Palmer.

Special mention to Ava Hannaford [12 Girls] and Andre Steele [14 Boys] who were named Age Champions on the day. St Mary's also successfully defended the Armidale Diocesan Secondary Sport Council Shield for the 6 x 50m Teams Freestyle Relays finishing first and third in the event.

### Rugby League

Following preliminary selections last year at the U14s Cochrane Cup Rugby League competition four students from St Mary's attended the final selection trial for this years Armidale Diocesan U15 team. Matt Ross and Eddie Easton were both selected to represent the Armidale Diocese at the Northern NSWCCC Rugby League trials to be held at Smithtown on Wednesday 11th April. Jack Louis has been named as a shadow reserve. Well done to all players involved.

### Touch

Thirty-five students travelled to Inverell on Friday 23rd March to participate in the Armidale Diocesan Touch selections. St Mary's had three teams playing plus some senior girls who combined with girls from the other schools to form two teams. It was great to see several of the students volunteer to referee on the day as many don't want that added responsibility.

At the end of the day nine students from St Mary's were named in the Armidale Diocesan teams to participate at the NSWCCC Touch Championships to be held at Penrith on Wednesday 20th June. Congratulations to Sara Baker [Junior Girls], Joey Fowler and Cameron Byrnes [Junior Boys], Brandy Harris and Dakota Durrant [Senior Girls], Kaleb McIlveen, Wil Patterson, Bailey Tull and Jackson Carr [Senior Boys].



Dakota Durrant, Sara Baker, Cameron Byrnes, Jackson Carr, Wil Patterson, Kaleb McIlveen

Missing Brandy Harris & Joey Fowler.



Dio Swimming Champions

Ava Hannaford 12 Girls & Andre Steel 14 Boys both far left

# SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

## **Cross Country**

The St Mary's College Cross Country will be run on the final day of this term during Period 4. All students at school on Friday 13th April will have the opportunity to complete either the short or long course to earn points for their House. The faster students run the more points they score for their House. With no Swimming Carnival this term the Cross Country will be the first event for the House competition this year.

## **Sport Procedures**

Most sporting events appear on the School Calendar and students are given the opportunity to try out for selection in the weeks leading up to the event. Once selected in a school team students are then given a permission note with details to be completed and money paid by the due date. Permission and payment can be completed online using the Qkr app or the completed form and money returned to school either to the Student Office at the start of the day or handed in at Mentor Groups.

If students decide they are no longer going to participate in the sport they have been given a permission note for they must inform the teacher involved of their change in plans as soon as possible to allow time for another student to be called in as a replacement. Costs are calculated to be kept as low as possible and when students withdraw at the last minute and cannot be replaced the loss comes out of the Sport Budget. If this happens too often costs will have to be increased.

Students who are selected in an Armidale Diocesan team to compete at NSWCCC events are given information about the event including registering on the Catholic Schools Sports Services website [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au) Once again it is very important that if a student changes their mind and no longer wishes to go on to the NSWCCC event they let Mr Kennedy know ASAP so a replacement can be found.

Most students do the right thing every time but already this year there is an increasing number of students not following these procedures. Your cooperation with these procedures would be greatly appreciated.

## IMPORTANT SPORT DATES

### **Term 1 Sport Dates**

Friday 6th April NSWCCC  
Swimming Homebush

Wednesday 11th April Northern  
NSWCCC Rugby League  
Smithtown

Friday 13th April St Mary's  
College Cross  
Country

Friday 13th April St Mary's  
College Pink Stumps Cricket

### **Next Term**

Friday 11th May Dio Cross  
Country, Golf and Tennis  
Gunnedah

## YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted from students who wish to spend 2019 living overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Exchanges are available to the following countries:

Austria, Belgium, Brazil, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and Taiwan.

Students must be between 15 and 17 and a half years of age at the time of departure (January 2019). More information and the application forms are available at <https://www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au/>. Applications close on 8 May and interviews held on 19 and 20 May.

If you are interested in applying you also need to contact one of the local Rotary Clubs listed below:

Gunnedah West, Kel Walls,  
President 0427423315  
Gunnedah 2380, Stacey Cooke,  
President 0467422447  
Gunnedah, Wendy Marsh,  
President 0459577056.

## CHESS NEWS

### Annual Inner School Chess Competition

Twenty six students took part in the St Mary's School Chess Competition on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Thank you to Mr Heap who once again did a fabulous job running the competition. Congratulations to our winners.

1st Place – Logan Eveleigh

2rd Place – Cameron Byrnes

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Tom Randall

Reminder: Room 2 is open every Wednesday during lunch for any student who would like to either practice or learn how to play chess.

### NSW Country Secondary School Chess Competition

St Mary's Chess team played Narrabri High School in Round 1 of the **NSW Country Secondary School Chess Competition** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Congratulations to Jack Randall, Cameron Byrnes, Logan Everleigh and Victorio Sardinah on their win and good luck in Round 2 of the competition.



# LITERACY BLOCK 2018

At St Mary's College this year we have introduced a literacy block in Years Seven to Nine. The rationale behind this initiative is to improve student's literacy skills across all subject areas, so they can access and communicate a wide range of information within and beyond their schooling life.

In order to give our students every opportunity to improve their literacy skills we have implemented four lessons per fortnight dedicated to literacy. These literacy lessons are streamed based on students literacy levels in the areas of language conventions, writing and reading comprehension. Students underwent pre-testing at the beginning of the term to determine their greatest need in these areas.

The focus for this term has been building on the fundamental elements of literacy such as; nouns, pronouns, adjectives and verbs. Next term the focus will be on persuasive texts across all subject areas. In conjunction with this, we are running a Levelled Literacy Intervention program (LLI) where students participate in small group lessons with an intensive focus on reading, comprehension and vocabulary. All students will be formatively assessed throughout the year in order to track individual progress and to inform teaching practice.

An extra focus of this literacy block is to encourage each student to read a book of their own choice and for them to be able to critically reflect on what they are reading. Thank you for your support with this new initiative.

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## SCHOOL FEES

The first instalment of fees for 2018 are now due for those that are not paying via periodic payments. If you are paying via direct deposit, please use your surname and account number as a reference. Any issues please contact Benita on [finance@stmaryscollege.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finance@stmaryscollege.nsw.edu.au) or 6742 2124.

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# CAREERS CHAT

## University Roadshow



Jennifer Mitchell  
attending the University  
Roadshow

## IMPORTANT CAREER DATES

- 16 May—Regional Careers Expo (Tamworth)
- 1 June—Registrations for UMAT close (Undergraduate Medical & Health Sciences admission test)

Website: [umat.acer.edu.au/register](http://umat.acer.edu.au/register)

- 7 June—Tamworth Ag Careers Expo (Farrer)

[www.tamworthagriculturalcareersexpo.com.au](http://www.tamworthagriculturalcareersexpo.com.au)

- 25—29 June—Year 10 Work Experience
- 25 July—UMAT Examination

The University Roadshow (conducted by the University of New England, Charles Sturt University & Southern Cross) was held on Thursday, 1st March. All Year 12 students attended with information being provided on the application process, university life, early entry schemes, scholarships, costs & accommodation. Those students who attended found this very worthwhile and were able to find out important information on university life.

## Health Careers Forum

The University Of Newcastle Department Of Rural Health conducted its annual Health Careers Forum for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 students who were interested in a career as a health professional recently. Approximately 20 St Mary's College students attended.

The forum included presentations and workshops by academics, clinicians and current UONDRH students from health disciplines including; Medicine, Nutrition & Dietetics, Physiotherapy, Medical Research, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Mental Health, Medical Radiation Science, Nursing and Speech Pathology. This was a very valuable experience for students interested in these career paths.

## Footnotes Visit

All Year 11 students were treated to an interactive careers lesson presented by Sarah Warmoll from The Footnotes on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Topics included: awareness of different options and pathways, identifying interests, weaknesses & strengths, looking at industries, trends and the current job market and understanding the reality of the options available. By completing a Career profile students are able to discover which stories, careers and courses are right for them. Students found this tool very worthwhile.

## Whitecard Course

Eight St Mary's College students completed their Whitecard course (Prepare to work safely in the Construction Industry) at the Gunnedah Community College recently.



# CAREERS CHAT PHOTOS



# HSIE Faculty

## Year Twelve

Good luck to the students in their Half-Yearly Exams during Week 10.

**Modern History:** If you find reading a bit of a struggle at times, there are lots of great podcasts on WWI and Conflict in Europe you can listen to whilst on the bus or running on the treadmill. For example *The History of the Great War* & *The History of WWII*

**Legal Studies:** Year 12 recently travelled to Sydney Downing Court Centre via the Maitland Gaol. The gaol was an interesting experience with students seeing how prisoners were detained until the late 1990s. Infamous inmates included Ivan Milat and Darcy Dugan.



At the Downing Centre, students were able to meet with a District Court Judge and sit in on a range of criminal cases and watch the law in action. The exposure to these cases allowed students to see how many of the topics we have studied operate in real time. Wayne Gleeson from the Rule of Law Institute spoke to the students at length about criminal court proceedings and links to the HSC syllabus. His insight was valuable and he has offered to come to St Mary's in the holidays, on his way home from Narrabri, to provide a lecture on the Crime syllabus.

A big thank you to Michael Crowhurst for driving the new school bus.

## Year 11

**Works Studies:** Students have been investigating career paths and finding information on the different ways they can arrive at the career of their choice. They are working on a portfolio and how to write a covering letter.

**Ancient History:** Students have begun their study of **Boudicca the British Queen** who led the revolt against the Romans in AD61. We have studied the way she has been represented throughout history and are now learning about the lifestyle, weapons and religion including the Druids of the Ancient Britons. We are developing our writing skills, focussing on structuring our paragraphs and using source as evidence to support our argument.



**Legal Studies:** Students are learning how laws are made in Australia and how the Constitution operates.



## World War One Exhibition

On Wednesday 11th April, Year 8-12 HSIE students will be visiting a display of World War artefacts. Students are reminded to return their signed notes to school by Wk 10 and payment can be made on the QR! App.

ANZAC DAY falls during the school holidays this year. In the next newsletter, we will find out about some of the different commemorations our students attended.

## Year Seven Geography

**New Topic:** Place and Liveability

**Assessment Task #2:** Term 2 Week 4. Please refer to SAO for details.

## Year Eight History

**Current Topic:** Contact and Colonisation

**Assessment Task #2** Week 11. Exam in class. Please refer to the SAO for details.

Students are studying the Myall Creek Massacre (1838) and investigating the relatively lesser know campaign of Major James Nunn, who pursued the Kamilaroi and Weraeraai people along the Namoi and Gwydir Rivers from December 1837 to January 1838.

Major Nunn led a group of 20 troopers and was instructed by the Acting Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel Snodgrass, to: *"act according to your judgement and use the utmost exertion to suppress these outrages. There are a thousand blacks there, and if they are not stopped, we may have them presently within the boundaries."*

According to historian Roger Milliss, Major Nunn and his men were responsible for the deaths of up to 1000 aboriginal people. The colonial frontier wars are presently not acknowledged by the Australian War Memorial but there are growing calls for the battles and subsequent massacres on the frontier to be commemorated.

## Year Nine Geography

**New Topic:** Changing Places

**Assessment Task #2:** Term 2 Week 4. Please refer to SAO for details.

## Year Ten Geography

**New Topic:** Environmental Change and Management

**Assessment Task #2:** Term 2 Week 4. Please refer to SAO for details.

Gunnedah Shire Council's ANZAC Working Group  
Proudly Presents



# ANZAC TRIBUTE CONCERT

From 4:00pm - 7:30pm  
Sunday, 22 April 2018  
Pensioners Hill, Gunnedah

Musical performances by  
Gunnedah Shire Band &  
Gunnedah Conservatorium  
Spoken word performances of  
poetry and wartime letters by  
Gunnedah community members

Bring along your own chair & outdoor picnic or a BBQ will be available  
hosted by Rotary Club of Gunnedah West





## ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

*Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems*

A three-session program for parents and carers  
at **St Mary's College**  
on three consecutive Tuesday evenings

**15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm – 7:30pm.**

### Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

**Registration is FREE! However, spaces are limited. Please contact Rachel Bulkeley on 0448420825 for more information.**

### What parents have said...

*A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.*

*A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.*

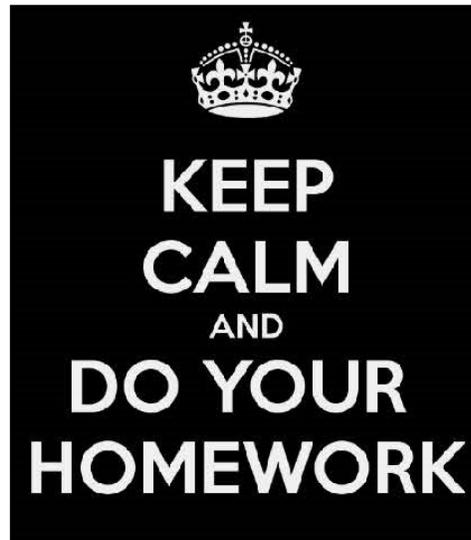
### Who's running it?

The trainer for this course is Rachel Bulkeley. Rachel studied Social Science at University of New England and is currently completing her Post graduate diploma in Counselling. Rachel is currently a Case Worker with Tamworth Family Support Services worker with teenagers between 12 and 18 years of age..

To register for this course, or for more information contact:

Judi Peters at Reconnect (Tamworth Family Support Services) on 0448 420 825

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective •



## Homework Centre in now OPEN

**When:** Monday - Thursday, from 3.30 to 4:30pm.

**Where:** St Mary's College Library

**Who:** Yr 7 - Yr 12

**What:** Internet access, teacher supervision and assistance, afternoon tea

**How:** Sign and return Homework Centre permission note which can be collected from the front office or school library.

We had over 50 students regularly utilise Homework Centre in 2017.

Here are what the students are saying:

*Homework Centre is a great opportunity for students to study without distractions and noise. I feel I get much more work done here than I would at home and find it is a very effective and productive tool for students, particularly seniors. Not only can students do their schoolwork here but they can use the schools resources i.e. computers as well as being able to meet with teachers, or get help from the teachers that run Homework Centre. Eliza Perkins Yr 12*

*Homework Centre is a great place to go after school to really get homework done without distractions. The teachers there do their best to help you finish whatever you need to do. There is plenty of technology to use including chrome books and computers. There is also afternoon tea which is delicious and the air conditioning is always on to keep the temperature perfect. Hugh Hunter Yr 9*

*Homework Centre has really helped my learning. There is good assistance and that helps me get things done. Homework centre provides healthy food options. You can spend up to an hour after school to get your homework done. Luke Jensen Yr 8*



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### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

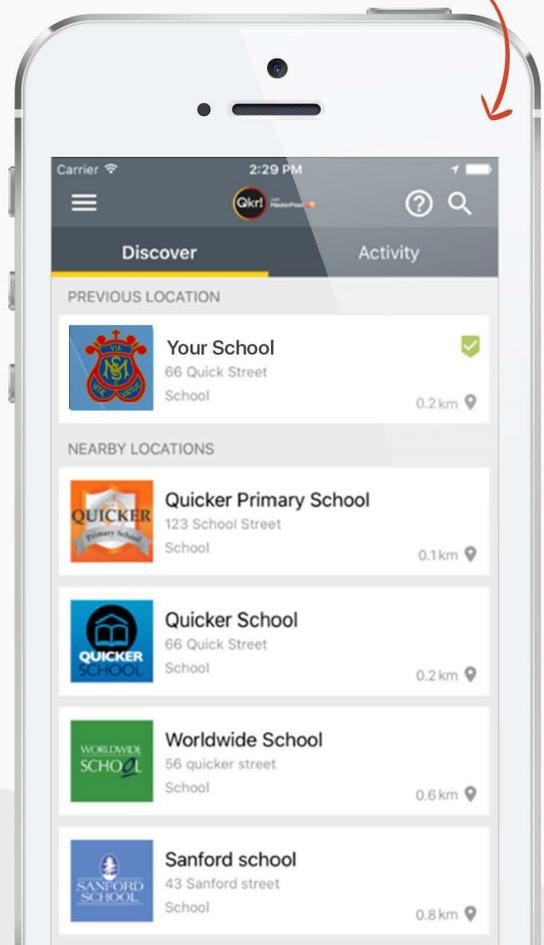
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

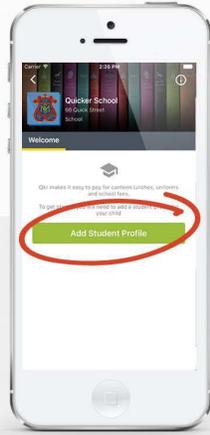
If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

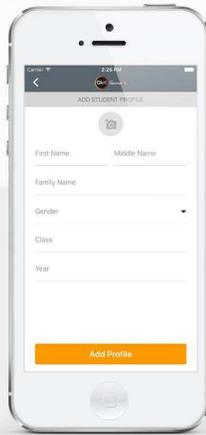


## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

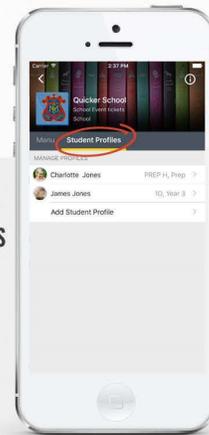
Select  
**'Add student profile'**



Add each  
child's details

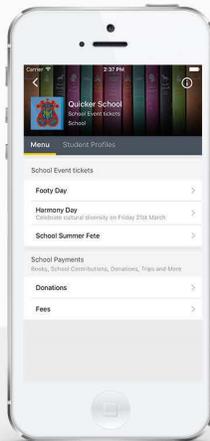


Manage each  
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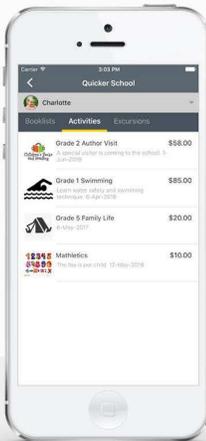


## Purchase school items

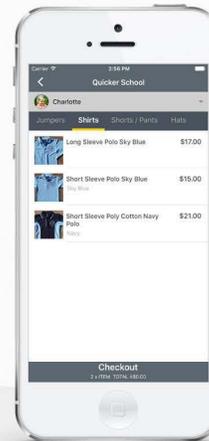
Select a menu  
from our school



Select child  
you are  
ordering for



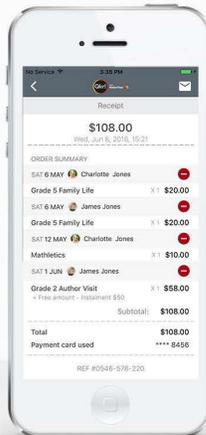
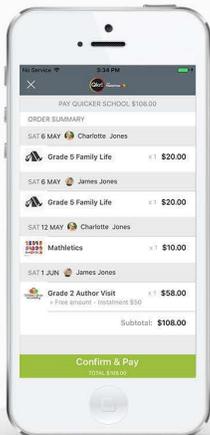
Select your items



Tap **'Checkout'**  
then confirm and pay

## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.

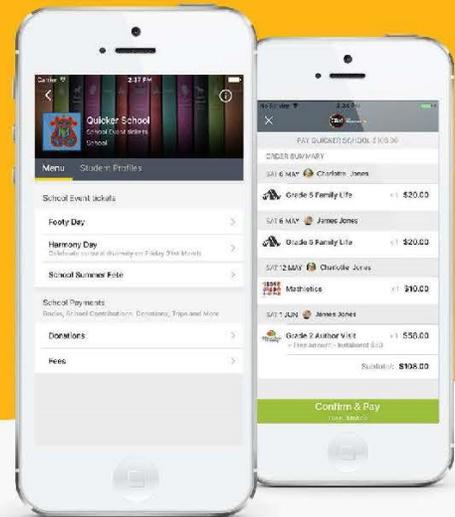


For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

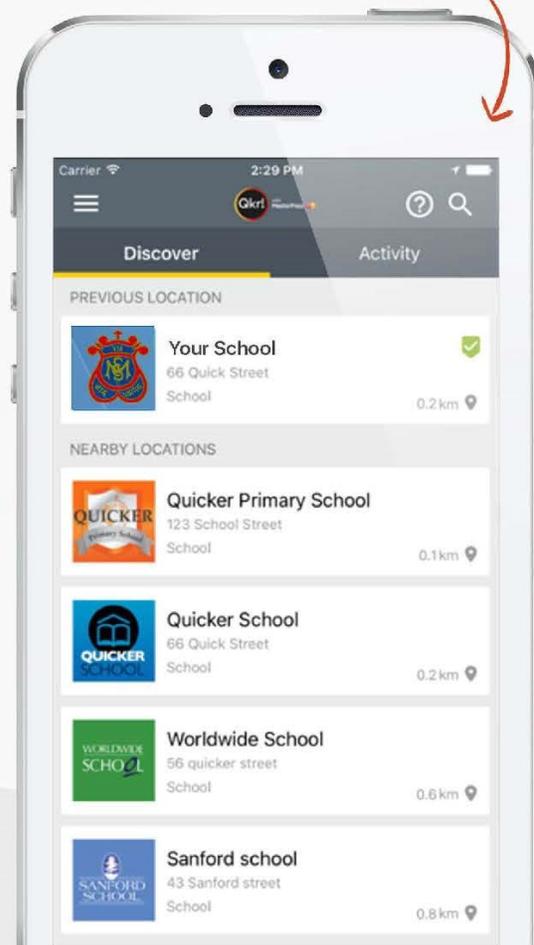
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

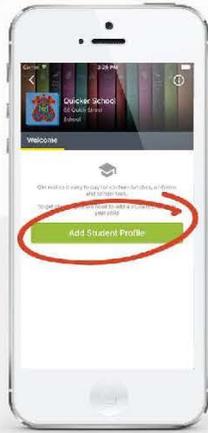
If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details

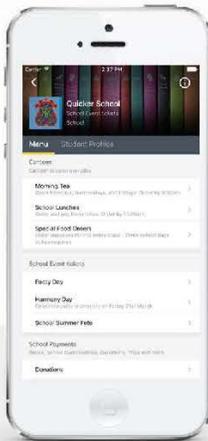


Manage each child's details in Student Profiles



## Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

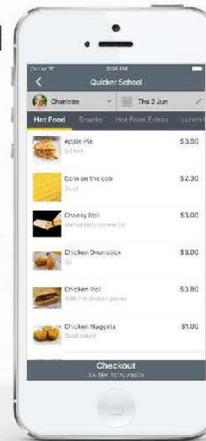


Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next



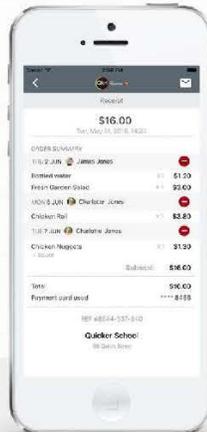
Tap to change the child you are ordering for

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