

St Mary's College Gunnedah

September 2018 Edition



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week we farewell our Senior Year 12 students as they complete their six years of secondary education. It is quite an emotional time for all involved; students, teachers and families. There were several activities organised for the week culminating in the Graduation Mass and Prize Giving on Thursday night. The students progressed through the week with dignity and respect and the Graduation Mass and Prize Giving was a truly joyous occasion that reflected the beautiful nature of this year's cohort.

Below is an excerpt from the Principal's Address which gives some insight into the wonderful qualities and virtues of this class:

As I look at you I see tremendous gifts and talents. Great academic achievement. Great sporting ability. I see wonderful virtues. I see inspiring leadership... And I also see human weakness. I see vulnerability and fragility and even failure. I see all the elements that make up the human condition. But what is it that makes you different. This is the class that is True to Itself. You have a wonderful capacity to be at ease with yourselves. There is no pretence. You seem to know who you are and where you fit. And that is remarkable for ones so young. It is a wonderful quality and some adults spend their whole lives trying to work this out. In that regard you show a maturity beyond your years.

Mao Quirk

Principal



REFLECTION

*God give us the clearness of mind to
move us forward to the plans and
purposes that You have for us.*

Fills our mind with Your thoughts

Fill our bodies with Your strength

Fill our hearts with Your Dreams

Year 12 Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15 October – first day of Term 4
- 17 October - HSC begins
- 7 November - Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 8 November - HSC Ends
- 16 November - Year12 Formal
- 22 November—Year 7 2019 Orientation day
- 3 December to 7 December - Year 10 Work experience
- 11 December - Year 7-11 Presentation Day
- 19 December - Last day Term 4

CONGRATULATIONS DEAGAN

Congratulations to Deagan Marchant on being selected to participate in the ASSETS program. ASSETS is a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are interested in going onto further study and/or careers in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM). It is a nine day residential summer school in January 2019 in Newcastle. This is followed by a leadership and support program. We look forward to hearing from Deagan next year on what he learnt in the program.



YEAR 12 SENIOR SCIENCE

Year 12 students went to visit the Gunnedah Fire station, as part of their final Senior Science unit on Disasters. Their final assessment was to create a Fire Emergency Plan for their homes. The role of emergency services in protecting life and property was an important aspect of this task. We would like to thank Fire Captain David Welch who gave his time to explain the infrastructure and logistics of firefighting in Gunnedah



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The St Mary's College School Advisory Council will hold its AGM on 8 November 2018. Any interested parents that would like to be a part of the School Advisory Council should email Benita via smcaccounts@arm.catholic.edu.au.

The Advisory Council is an important part of the St Mary's Community. It provides advice and guidance to the School Executive on a wide range of issues. St Mary's is very grateful to the current parents who give up their time willingly to be part of our Advisory Council. Please contact Benita if you have any questions on either 6742 2124 or the above email address.

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR AG PLOT

St Mary's College have been provided with grant funding from the North West

Local Lands Services to make improvements to the Ag Plot. Below are photos of students connecting water pipes, with part of the new cattle yards and laying concrete.



CHESS UPDATE

Over the last few weeks the St Mary's Chess team has been very busy traveling around the countryside playing chess finals.

The **Sydney Academy of Chess semi final** was hosted at The Armidale School. St Mary's came up against some tough competition here and our team are to be commended on the way they played. It was a massive day of play and travel. Special mention goes to Victorio Sardinha who placed 5th overall.

St Mary's also travelled to Tamworth to play Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in the **North West Country Schools Final**, for second place. Farrer were the stronger team on the day with two very talented/skilled Year 12 players. Overall St Mary's were places 3rd in this competition which is an impressive achievement given 18 schools from the North West region took part.

During Term 4 we will be running an **Inner-school Chess Competition**. Mr Heap will use the Swiss Chess computer program to generate the draw. This will be emailed to students each week and they will have 1 week to play their game, either during lunch or online. The results of this game are to be emailed to Mrs Kennedy by the end of the week so that the new draw can be published.

WELL DONE TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS WHO CONTINUE TO PRACTICE AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENTED ST MARY'S COLLEGE THIS YEAR. FINALLY, A BIG **THANK YOU** TO MR HEAP WHO CONTINUES TO VOLUNTEER HIS TIME TO COACH ALL ST MARY'S STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PLAYING CHESS AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE CHESS TEAM DURING COMPETITIONS.



CHINESE NEWS

Year 8

As part of the unit this term on food and eating students were taken to the Gunnedah Chinese restaurant to order their meal in Chinese and use language around eating out.

Once again, the students benefited from the wonderful support from the Chinese local community with the owner of the restaurant coming out to take over 60 individual student orders in Chinese. The students had a great time and enjoyed putting into practice what they have learnt in class and of course the meals were delicious.



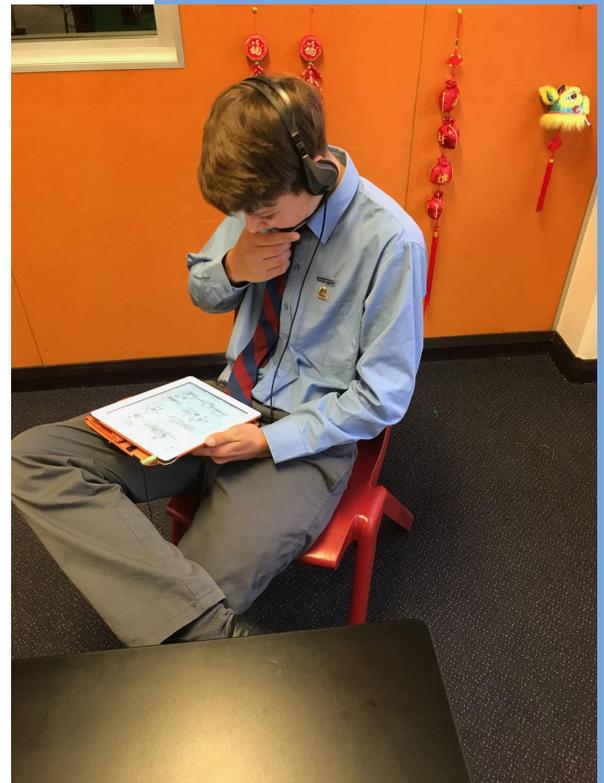
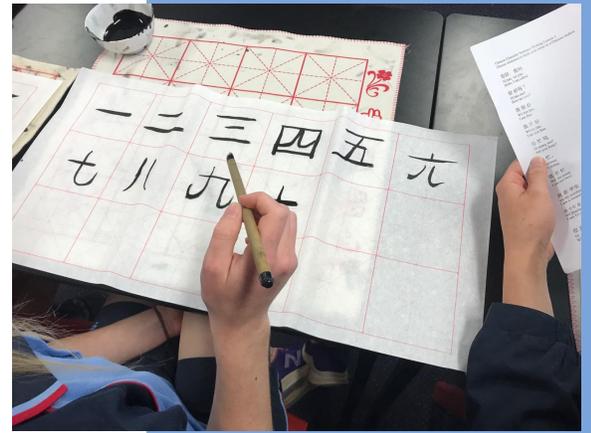
CHINESE NEWS

Year 9 Elective Chinese

Students have been advancing their listening and speaking skills using Language lab iPads and the Chinese iPad app and headphones to listen to a conversation in Chinese and then record their own voices onto the iPad repeating the sentence. The students are then able to listen to their our recorded conversation.

Being able to listen to their own voices making Chinese conversation is very motivating for the students, this is making significant improvement in classroom outcomes. Mr Harris can then play back the recorded conversation after the lesson and provide feedback to the students.

Students have also been continuing their work on learning Chinese calligraphy, this highly technical but relaxing activity is very popular with the students and is helping the students with their strokes and accuracy of characters.



Academic Achievement

8.1

Alexander Harris
Logan Everleigh
Holly Bennet

8.2

Charlie Atkins
Maya Gallagher
Tasmyn Clancy

8.3

Sienna Miller
Lucus Jensen
Ellie Brookman

Year 9

Tom Snape
Nicole Castle
Kirsten Gorry

Most Improved

8.1 Chenoa McPhee
8,3 Jeremy Alexander

8.2 Hayley Rankin
Year 9 Sami Gosper



YEAR 12 PRESENTATION NIGHT PHOTOS



SCHOOLS ON STAGE

St Mary's College were a part of the Gunnedah Schools on Stage on 5 and 6 September. Over 50 students from St Mary's College participated in the biannual concert. The College was represented in a variety of items, including the massed choir, combined schools band and individual performances.

A special mention to Connor Phillips who co-hosted the night with a representative from Gunnedah High School.

The Musical directors, Emma Kersley and Jamie Brown were extremely happy with the standard of performances and look forward to the event in 2020. Congratulations to all involved in this amazing cultural event.



SCHOOLS ON STAGE





St Mary's College

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy 1879



2019 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON



Enrolment application packages are still available from St Mary's Office and

www.stmaryscollege.nsw.edu.au

Limited vacancies in all Year levels for 2019

EST . 2017
GYC
Dessert Bar



5.00PM - 9.00PM | FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2018

Little Conadilly St Entrance, Bicentennial Creative Arts Centre, Chandos St, Gunnedah

Menu

ULTIMATE BROWNIE SUNDAE

Delectable milk chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream and homemade hot choc-fudge sauce.

\$7.00

OLD SCHOOL BANANA SPLIT

Fresh banana and three generous scoops of ice cream, topped with choc-fudge sauce, whipped cream and a cherry.

\$7.00

CLASSIC APPLE PIE

A heart-warming homemade apple pie with a delicious scoop of vanilla ice cream.

\$7.00

CLASSIC CHOC TOP

Classic movie-style choc-top in a variety of delicious flavours.

\$5.50

MINI SUNDAE

Vanilla ice cream with homemade hot choc-fudge sauce and your choice of garnish.

\$4.00

ICE CREAM SPIDER

Made with vanilla ice cream and served with your choice of soft drink.

\$4.00

CLASSIC MILKSHAKE

Made with vanilla ice cream, Peel Valley Milk and available in 3 classic flavours.

\$4.00

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COMMUNITY

FUN

DAY



Saturday

September 29th

10am - 2pm



PRIZE GRAB BOOTH

JUMPING CASTLES

PAINT-O-MATIC

BALLOON TWISTING

FACE PAINTING

PAINT-O-MATIC

COMMUNITY STALLS

and More!



Gunnedah Shopping Centre

'SHARE THE JOURNEY' ART SHOWCASE



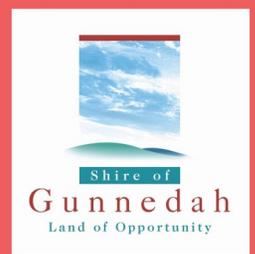
An exhibit of artwork by local youth for
Mental Health Month

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 @ 6.00PM
MOOKI ROOM, THE CIVIC CENTRE,
CHANDOS ST, GUNNEDAH
FREE ENTRY!

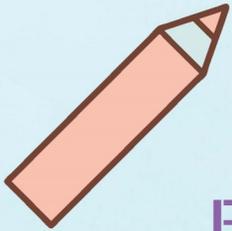


Artwork entries are being accepted at Gunnedah Shire Council until 5.00pm,
Friday, 5 October 2018.

For more information, contact Gunnedah Shire Council's
Youth Development Officer, Sewa Emojong,
on (02) 6740 2100, visit Council's Administration Building, Elgin Street,
Gunnedah, or email council@infogunnedah.com.au



DO YOU LIKE ART?



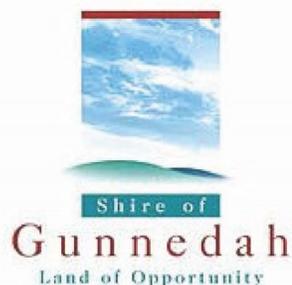
Enter your creations into the
'Share the Journey'
Mental Health Month Art
Showcase!
All Welcome!



Artwork entries are being accepted at **Gunnedah
Shire Council** until 5pm Friday, **5 October 2018**

For more information contact Sewa our Youth
Development Officer on 67402100

The **SHARE THE JOURNEY** Mental Health Month
Art Exhibition will be held at 6pm
Friday, 12 October
Mooki Room, Civic Centre, Chandos Street
Gunnedah



Free Entry!



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Navigating the eSafety website



Resources for parents



Highlights include:

Multimedia reviews — tips about entertainment choices available to young people—including games, movies and television.

Online safeguards — advice and information about parental controls for devices, streaming services, web browsers and gaming consoles and a range of content about safe search and filtering software.

Staying safe — information about key internet safety topics.

Online risks — guidance for parents to help deal with cyberbullying, sexting, inappropriate content and grooming.

Getting help — a listing of professional support services for children and parents/carers. Each state in Australia has a dedicated **parent helpline**.

Infographics

- * Is there an age limit for kids on social media?
- * 8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time.

Parent's guide to online safety

This brochure is available in 14 different languages.

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

DIY eSafety checklist

Do you respect others and only post what you'd say to someone's face?

Is your time between screens and other activities well balanced?

Do you use strong privacy settings and passwords, and update these regularly?

Do you get consent before sharing an image or video of another person?

Have you secured your digital lifestyle with the right software and settings?

BE THE CHANGE.

Unite for a better internet

www.esafety.gov.au

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

HOW TO REPORT CYBERBULLYING MATERIAL

- 1 Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service
- 2 Collect evidence - copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48 hours

- 3 Report it to esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying
- 4 Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)
If you need to talk to someone, visit kidshelpline.com.au or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week

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CODE 087

10 DAY SCHOOL IMMERSION

2019

MALBAGO

VILLAGE
PHILIPPINES

November 2019



Come and explore the Philippines and experience the global missionary Church for a life changing experience!

COST

3,950

INCLUSIONS

- *10 Days immersed in the local culture
- *International flights from Sydney
- *Domestic flights within the Philippines
- *Int. SOS Risk Management coverage
- *Travel Insurance
- *All local transport costs
- *All meals
- *All Entrance fees
- *Accommodation in parish community
- *Accommodation in guesthouse venues
- *Donations to local communities
- *In-country Catholic Mission Facilitator
- *Phase 1 pre-trip preparation session
- *Phase 3 post trip resources
- *Cost is departing Sydney, per person

NO ALCOHOL DRUGS SMOKING

You are invited to submit an *expression of interest* to join a school immersion group to Malbago Village in the Philippines 2019

Catholic Mission immersions are a 3-phase experiential educational program offered to schools. The purpose of the immersion is to develop an understanding and appreciation of Philippine culture while learning about ourselves. Immersions are about 'being WITH' rather than 'DOING for', or service program. Spend time with peers in and out of the classroom building life-long friendships; be part of a different culture and witness the day to day lifestyle of the people in a Catholic context. Come and experience fellowship, prayer, communion, music and Eucharist in the Philippines. Be part of discussions on inter-

religious dialogue and meet truly amazing dedicated Catholic Sisters and Brothers who live and work within the communities. We will initially travel to Cebu for a day exploring the history, then on to Malbago Village on Bantayan Island where we will stay. On the return trip we will spend another day in Cebu visiting the local Sisters. Throughout the trip you will be accompanied by two teachers and led by an accredited Catholic Mission facilitator. The on-ground itinerary is prepared by Catholic Mission and the local parish. All logistics are handled by Catholic Mission.

The Next Steps

Return the "Expression of Interest" form by Friday, 19th Oct 2018
Contact: Karen Mooney



GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL

School Holiday Program

SPRING 2018

Week 1

TUE 2 OCT 2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STORY TIME

Story telling for children aged 0 - 7 years.

Free | 10.30am - 11.00am
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St
Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

\$9 SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE

Christopher Robin | G

\$9.00 | 10.30am - 12.15pm
The Civic Theatre, Chandos St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

CRAFTY CREATIONS

8 - 12 years | Dragon theme.

\$3.00 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St

Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

WED 3 OCT 2018

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Story telling for children aged 0 - 7 years.

Free | 10.30am - 11.00am
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St
Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

GYC MINI OLYMPICS

Relay races, ball sports, team games & prizes!

Free | 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Kitchener Park, Conadilly St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

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THU 4 OCT 2018

GAMERS NIGHT IN

The Gamers Night In is an initiative of the newly formed GYC Gaming Clubs Network.

The aim of GYC Gaming Clubs is to provide a support network for young people interested in gaming.

GYC Gaming Clubs provide youth with a positive means to utilise their passion that will equip them with skills and knowledge to support their development, wellbeing and mental health in the gamers space.

It will also provide them with employability skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving and initiative that can be harnessed for their future career paths.

Suitable for ages 12 - 18 years.
Parental permission required.

- Gaming info sessions and workshops
- Fortnite tournament with prizes to be won
- Free play on various consoles/platforms
- League of Legends (LoL - BYO laptop)

Free admission | \$10.00 pizza & drink
\$5.00 Fortnite tournament entry fee

6.00pm - 9.00pm
Gunnedah Town Hall, Conadilly St
Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

FRI 5 OCT 2018

HEADSPACE OPEN DAY

Come & explore all that headspace has to offer for young people's mental health & wellbeing.

Open to youth aged 12 - 25 years.

Free | 11.30am - 1.00pm
headspace Gunnedah, 31 Henry St

Call 02 6740 2100 for more information.

YOUTH ZINE 2ND EDITION

Magazine design session for ages 10 - 25 years.

Free | 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Bicentennial Creative Arts Centre, Chandos St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

Week 2

MON 8 OCT 2018

CRAFTY CREATIONS

8 - 12 years | Cat theme.

\$3.00 | 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Curlewis Library, Goran St, Curlewis

Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

TAMWORTH DAY OUT

Travel to Tamworth for the day and visit JumpUp Trampoline World, Tamworth Marsupial Park, Tamworth Youth Council's Mental Health Month event in the Fitzroy Plaza and The Youthie.

For ages 12 years & above.
Limited places available.

\$15.00 | 9.00am - 5.00pm
Depart/Return: Wolseley Park, Conadilly St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

MOVIE DAZE

Primary school kids movie afternoon with time to hang out & play with friends. Snack canteen available.

Entry fee includes a can of soft drink & a packet of chips.

\$5.00 | 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Turning Point Church, South St

Call 0449 743 338 to book.

TUE 9 OCT 2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STORY TIME

Story telling for children aged 0 - 7 years.

Free | 10.30am - 11.00am
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St
Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

\$9 SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIE

Teen Titans Go! To the Movies | PG

\$9.00 | 10.30am - 12.15pm
The Civic Theatre, Chandos St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

YOUTH WELLBEING DAY

Curlewis Youth Wellbeing Day & BBQ lunch.

Free | 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Curlewis Community Hall, 21 Goran St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

CRAFTY CREATIONS

8 - 12 years | Cat theme.

\$3.00 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St

Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

WED 10 OCT 2018

LOUIS TENNIS ACADEMY

5 - 12 years fitness & tennis. Places are limited.

Free | 9.30am - 11.00am
Wolseley Park, Conadilly St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

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THU 11 OCT 2018

SCHOOL HOLIDAY STORY TIME

Story telling for children aged 0 - 7 years.

Free | 10.30am - 11.00am
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St

CRAFTY CREATIONS

8 - 12 years | Cat theme.

\$3.00 | 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Gunnedah Shire Library, Conadilly St

Call 02 6740 2190 to book.

FRI 12 OCT 2018

**'SHARE THE JOURNEY'
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
ART SHOWCASE**

October is Mental Health Month & with this year's theme being 'Share the Journey', we invite young people to share their journey through art! The 'Share the Journey' Art Showcase will display mental health themed artworks in The Civic Centre's Mooki Room.

A representative from headspace & other services will be there with information on mental health & wellbeing.

Open to all ages.

Free | 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Mooki Room, The Civic Centre, Chandos St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au to register.

GYC DESSERT BAR

Come & enjoy the indulgent delights of the GYC Dessert Bar! This year's theme is 'Classic Diner', so come & sink your teeth into a Banana Split or a Dessert Bar favourite, the Choc Brownie Sundae whilst listening to old school music & hanging out with your favourite people!

Menus & preorder forms will be available from Friday, 21 September. Raising profits for GYC & the Gunnedah Community Scholarship Fund.

Prices as per menu | 5.00pm - 9.00pm
Little Conadilly St entrance, Bicentennial Creative Arts Centre, Chandos St

Visit www.thecivic.com.au for more info.

MORE INFO

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

Head over to www.thecivic.com.au to secure your place or call (02) 6740 2100.

To book for activities at Gunnedah Shire Library call (02) 6740 2190.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Gunnedah Shire Council is always looking for ways to make the School Holiday Program more relevant and fun for all young people and families.

Is there an activity you would like to see in the next school holiday program?

To submit your ideas head over to www.gunnedah.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to the School Holiday Program survey!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM PARTNERS

