

St Mary's College Gunnedah

August 2018 Edition



REFLECTION

“Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God”

Pope Francis

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

Term 3 is progressing quickly with just four weeks until the spring break. There have been many achievements this term which are highlighted in this edition of the St Mary's Newsletter. Our athletes continue to compete strongly as demonstrated at the Athletics Carnival, the NSW Netball tournament and the Brian Lenton Shield. It is also great to see this enthusiasm spilling over into the lunchtime inter-house competition in volleyball, soccer, basketball, league tag and netball. Sport is a very important part of our overall program at St Mary's. Research shows that sport and physical exercise is necessary for students to develop into mature and well-rounded individuals ready to take on life's challenges. It is also directly associated with efficient learning and study habits. In order to maximise our learning our students need a healthy diet, ample sleep and regular exercise. Team sport is particularly beneficial as it exposes students to the importance of teamwork in order to achieve our goals.

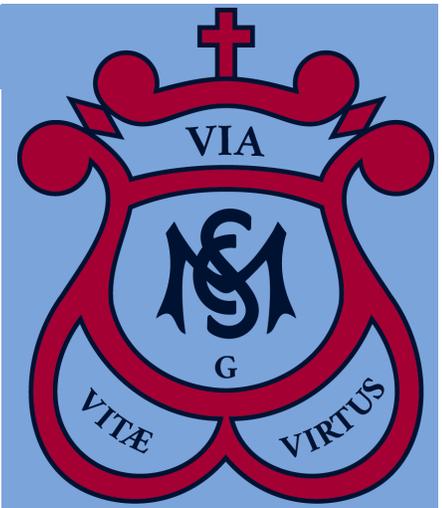
As the drought drags on we have some hope in the recent rain we have received. It is not nearly enough but it is a start as we see the green shoots beginning to appear. At our Student Briefings on Monday mornings we regularly pray for our farming families who day-after-day face the reality of starving stock and rising debt as they continue to buy fodder for their starving animals. I commend the initiative of our Year 10 students who are planning a fund raiser to raise money to contribute to the drought effort.

In the Gospel reading from last Sunday we are reminded of the way to achieve cleanliness.

“Nothing that goes into a person from outside can make them unclean; it is from within, from a person's heart, that evil intentions emerge.”

Mae Quirk

Principal



Records tumble at the St Mary's 2018 Athletics Carnival.

A total of four new records were set at this year's St Mary's Athletics' Carnival. Charlie Lawrence in the 14 Boys 1500m; Joshua Coker in the 13 Boys Discus; Eliza Perkins in the Open Girls 400m and Eliza again in the Open Girls Shot Put. Congratulations to all three athletes for these fantastic performances.

Another five records were almost broken. These achievements highlight a great day of competition. In recent years students have been able to strike the right balance of enjoying a fun day with their friends and still compete strongly to win points for their respective houses. Congratulations to McAuley on being overall winners on the day.

See more details and photos in this issue of the Newsletter.



BRIAN LENTON SHIELD

On Friday July 6, St. Mary's played Gunnedah High in the Brian Lenton Shield AFL match at Wolseley Oval. The Brian Lenton Shield was started last year between the 2 local schools as a way of promoting AFL in our local area. The shield was named after local resident Brian Lenton who is a founding member of the Gunnedah and District Australian Rules Football Club. Brian played, coached, held roles on the club committee and still continues to give so much to the club. Having the shield named after Brian is a fitting tribute given his contribution to AFL in our town.

This year the shield was combined with NAIDOC week to add in a sporting fixture to the NAIDOC week activities and both schools supported the event with great enthusiasm. The match was won by St. Mary's 47-10 with Tom Maher (Year 11) winning the Kamilaroi medal as judged best on ground for his performance during the match. Congratulations Tom. The match was played with high spirits from both sides and it was fantastic to see students from both schools attending to support both teams.



SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 7th August with students participating in a variety of events. The carnival began with the students marching onto Wolsley Oval in their House groups before setting up their House marquee and demonstrating their House chant and finished with relays. Students moved around the tabloid of events in their Year level groups. Students competed in the 100m, 400m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Tug O' War, Ball Games and Shoe Toss with the opportunity to compete in the 200m, 800m and 1500m for the keener athletes. Javelin, discus and high jump trials were held for many during PDHPE lessons leading up to the carnival.

There were several outstanding performances on the day with four new records being set and another five records nearly being broken. Congratulations to -

Charlie Lawrence 14 Boys 1500m 4:59.87 [Previous record 5:20.70]

Eliza Perkins Open Girls 400m 1:08.91 [1:09.90]

Eliza Perkins Open Girls Shot Put 11.70m [10.15m]

Joshua Coker 13 Boys Discus 28.20m [27.01m]

Those going close to records were -

Joshua Coker 13 Boys Long Jump 3 cm short

Cameron Byrnes 14 Boys Long Jump 5 cm short

Yasmin Thomas 15 Girls 100m 0.25 seconds short

Yasmin Thomas 15 Girls 400m 0.27 seconds short

Charlie Lawrence 14 Boys 400m 0.75 seconds short

Individual Year Level Champions on the day were -

Brianna Ward [Year 7 Girl], Vitoria Sardinha [Year 7 Boy], Mackenzie Leader [Year 8 Girl], Charlie Lawrence [Year 8 Boy], Yasmin Thomas [Year 9 Girl], Callum Dear [Year 9 Boy], Chloe Perkins [Year 10 Girl], Kaleb McIlveen [Year 10 Boy], Bella Gallagher [Year 11 Girl], Hayden Baker [Year 11 Boy], Eliza Perkins [Year 12 Girl] and Liam Novley [Year 12 Boy].

The House trophies on the day were won by -

March Past Trophy - Mercy [194], McAuley [170], Loreto [153] and Lourdes [143]

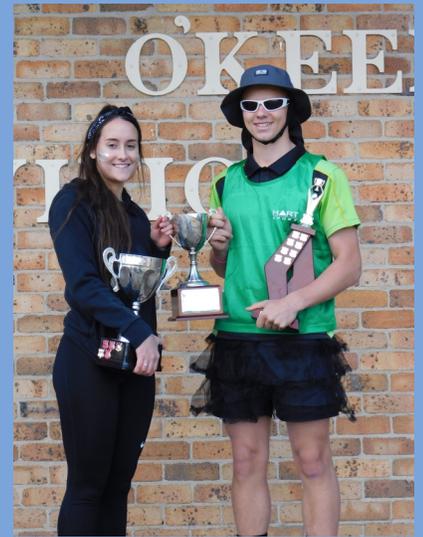
Novelty Games Trophy - McAuley [716], Mercy [681], Loreto [532] and Lourdes [468]

Relay Cup - Mercy and McAuley [36], Lourdes and Loreto [10]

Participation Shield - Mercy [454], McAuley [445], Loreto [376] and Lourdes [359]

Overall Trophy - McAuley [1872], Mercy [1597], Loreto [1470] and Lourdes [1168]

Congratulations to McAuley on winning this year's Athletics Carnival.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 September—Year 9-10 2019 Information night
- 13 September—SAC meeting
- 20 September—Year 8 retreat day
- 21 September—Year 10 retreat day
- 24-28 September—Prelim Exams (Year 11)
- 27 September—Year 12 Mass & Prize giving
- 28 September—last day of Term
- 15 October – first day of term 4

SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

Diocesan Athletics

St Mary's College had thirty students attend the Diocesan Athletics event in Armidale on Friday 17th August. Numbers were down due to the quick turnaround from the College Athletics Carnival and several students were involved in Winter Warrior the day before. Those who did make the trip enjoyed a sunny day in Armidale with good competition against students from across the diocese. Students had to win their event or finish in the top two in the 100m, 200m and Triple Jump to qualify for the NSWCCC Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush on Friday 21st September. Congratulations to the following students who qualified -

Sam Hibbert - 16 Boys Shot Put

Chloe Perkins - 16 Girls 200m

Callum Dear - 15 Boys 200m, 12 - 15 Boys Triple Jump

Yasmin Thomas - 15 Girls 100m, 200m, 400m

Cameron Byrnes - 14 Boys 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Mackenzie Leader - 14 Girls 200m, Long Jump

Joshua Coker - 13 Boys Shot Put, Discus

Annie Elphick - 13 Girls Shot Put

Adam Farquhar - 12 Boys 400m, 800m, 1500m

Kelsa Horne - 12 Girls 100m

Jasper Thomas - 17 Boys 100m, 200m

There were two St Mary's College records broken on the day. Congratulations to -

Sam Hibbert 16 Boys Shot Put 14.06m [Previous Record 13.20m]

Joshua Coker 13 Boys Discus 33.50m [Previous Record 28.20m]

Well done to all students who participated and did their best and thanks to Miss Vickers, Miss Seeney and Mr Farquhar for their assistance on the day.

Lunchtime Sport

The lunchtime sport's competition is continuing this term with four sports having now been played. Students play in their House team trying to win points for their House. Sports played so far are volleyball, soccer, basketball and League Tag with netball to be played next. The current point score is -

Mercy	McAuley	Loreto	Lourdes
429	374	484	283

Netball

Congratulations to the two Year 7/8 Girls Netball teams that played in the regional finals of the NSW Netball Tournament in Tamworth on Thursday 9th August. The teams qualified for the finals after winning at the qualifying round played at Tamworth last term. There were qualifying rounds played at Armidale, Inverell, Narrabri and Tamworth with the top two teams from each coming together to play off in the regional finals at Tamworth. While both teams played well on the day, injury and illness did take a toll with both teams missing the final with one team finishing third on the day. Well done to all the girls involved and thanks to Mrs Collison and Miss Seeney for looking after the teams on the day.

Unfortunately due to a number of factors this year's trip to Penrith for the NSWCCC Netball Championships this month was cancelled. All going well we will be involved again next year.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PHOTOS



ST MARY'S HOMEWORK CENTRE

The St Mary's Homework Centre provides a space for students to complete school work, home study with a qualified teacher present. Teachers provide active supervision and are available to assist students with any issues they have regarding school work and associated activities. Educational Assistants may also be available for one-on-one assistance where available. Students must be completing school work or home study at the Homework Centre.

The Centre operates from 3.10pm to 4.30pm in the Library. On occasions it may move to Room 16 in the event of a staff meeting. A snack is available up until 3.30pm.

Mr Tony Moran is in attendance on Tuesday afternoons and is able to provide assistance for Maths and Science subjects. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to attend at the Homework Centre for additional assistance in these areas on Tuesdays

A permission note should be completed by parents prior to a student attending for the first time. Notes are available from the front office and the library.

Students should be collected from the front of the school at 4.30pm.

MENTAL HEALTH FITNESS CHALLENGE

Years 7 to 11 will be participating in a Mental Health Fitness Challenge over the coming weeks. This program is coordinated by the Black Dog Institute and focuses on Gratitude, Mindfulness, Social Connections, Strengths, Meaning and Purpose and concludes with a Mental Fitness Plan. Each session consists of a questionnaire, interactive activities, short video clips and suggestions on ways in which participants can reduce stress, improve focus and expand their potential.



BITE BACK and take control of your life by joining our

Mental Fitness Challenge

Reduce stress.
Improve focus.
Expand potential.

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The BITE BACK 6 Week Challenge helps you take control of your mental fitness. Each week we'll send tips, info and weekly activities to help you on your journey. Track your progress on our website throughout the challenge to see the full impact!

Week 1 **Gratitude**

Week 2 **Mindfulness**

Week 3 **Social Connections**

Week 4 **Strengths**

Week 5 **Meaning and Purpose**

Week 6 **Mental Fitness Plan**

Plus, every entrant has the chance to go into the draw to win a \$250 voucher for their favourite brand!

BITE BACK and sign up at:

www.biteback.org.au



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY-SHAPE

On the 22nd of June Year 11 and 12 students from Industrial Technology - Timber travelled to Tamworth Regional Art Gallery to view the Shape 2017 exhibition. Shape is run to display the innovative projects that will shape the future of Australian design. Shape 2017 showcases a selection of outstanding major projects from the HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, and Textiles and Design courses. As varied as they are creative, these projects provide a glimpse into the minds of tomorrow's designers. Having Shape so close to Gunnedah was a fantastic opportunity to show students the amount of work that goes into a high quality project and portfolio.



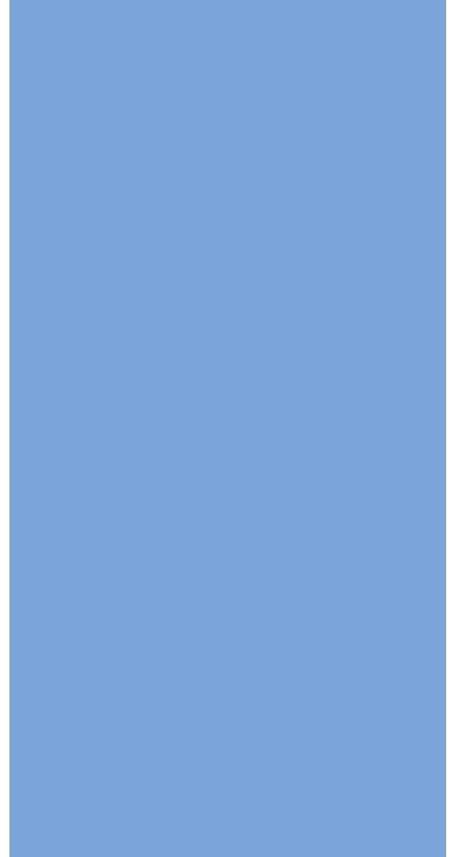
GUNNEDAH CONSERVATORIUM

OPEN AFTERNOON

**Come and meet our teachers!
Learn about what we have to offer!
Enrol for next term or 2019!**

Monday September 10
4.30pm - 6.30pm

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE ON
6742 3998



YEAR 8 SCIENCE

As part of our unit on Living Environments, Year 8 has been looking at our role in the conservation of endangered or threatened native Australian animals.

“Rock wallabies have been deprived of available habitat due to a combination of factors such as clearing of native vegetation, weed invasion and changed patterns of fire across the landscape. They must also cope with being killed by foxes, and they compete with livestock, feral goats and rabbits for food. This competition forces them to search for food outside their natural ranges.

In New South Wales there are only 2 colonies of yellow-footed rock wallabies left, about 10km apart and the species is considered to be in serious danger of extinction in this State.” (WWF, 2018)

Mrs Boyd’s class have all contributed a gold coin to “adopt” a rock wallaby mother and joey through World Wildlife Fund to help protect and restore rock wallaby habitat. We received a certificate, window sticker, WWF shopping bag, newsletter and a plush toy rock wallaby and joey which has now become our class mascot!



REMINDER REGARDING ABSENCES

Students who are late to school or absent require written permission.

If parents/carers do not supply a written note they will receive an SMS requiring an explanation regarding the absence or late arrival. Replies to the SMS are the official record of students absence.

Where practicable, all appointments are to be made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, please provide a note for students to have signed by their Year Supervisor. When they leave they need to present this note to the Front Office.

For extended absences of 5 days or more, parents/carers are asked to contact the College office so that the required paperwork can be completed and approved by the Principal prior to the leave being granted.

YEAR 7 LITERACY - CREATIVE WRITING

Last term Year 7 literacy focused on Creative writing and this term the focus will be on Reading comprehension. Here are two examples of Year 7's creative writing pieces .

Sleep

Night is a busy time for me.

Some people's heads lay to rest and their mouths stretch to yawn. Others push me away and pump caffeine in their blood, urging their body to resist shutting down for the night. These people are what makes my job hard.

You don't know me but I know you. I know and will know everyone on this earth, because without me, you can't be you.

Allow me to introduce myself. You know that feeling when your eyelids get heavy and close even when you don't want them to, or when your body slows down and ignores all orders you give it? Yeah, that's me.

As much as I'd like to say that it's easy doing my job, it's really not. As darkness dawns and people yawn only some of them hand themselves to me. Others rub their eyes angrily and keep the lights on. Some stare at screens. There are so many different types of people that deny me access to their peace.

Here is an example of one of them.

Rajesh Smith held his head in his hands and looks warily down at the forms in front of him. His poorly designed city apartment surrounded him and the old peeling walls closed in on his sides.

Lucy Reid

Future

I can't wait to see what the future will hold! Most people think that in 1000 years we will be part robot, have flying cars and clear/see through phones. To me this sounds ridiculous. The only one that sounds remotely possible would be the flying cars, but even that would be so expensive! I would like to talk about the fact that people think we could become part robot. How stupid! We cannot be born part robot, it is medically impossible, the only way we could become this if we got operations but to be honest, who would want to do that? The last thing I want to talk about is clear/see through phones. I don't know how that could be possible. Wouldn't you see all the wires, batteries or something like that? Anyway I will bow down to you if you create this! So these were my thoughts on the future, what are yours?

Bridget McEvoy

NAIDOC WEEK AWARDS

St Mary's and St Xavier's NAIDOC week celebrations started with a joint NAIDOC week liturgy/assembly. We were fortunate enough to have Fleur and Locky Magick Denise join us and perform a collection of traditional dances and talk about the theme "Because of her, we can!" After the assembly both schools gathered outside and formed the Aboriginal Flag of which an aerial photograph was taken. On Tuesday Years 8 and 12 congregated during Mentor Groups for the flag raising ceremony. Fleur and Locky then spent the day with us engaging students in lessons that included traditional dance, singing, bush tucker, indigenous astronomy and a small group of boys learnt to play the didgeridoo. The art department worked throughout the week on Art works that are now being displayed at the Civic NAIDOC week art exhibition. The school enjoyed a NAIDOC week cake that was decorated by a group of students one morning before school. St Mary's was well represented at the Cumbo Gunnedah NAIDOC week awards, with 9 students receiving nominations. A special congratulation goes to Deagan Marchant and Grace Jaegar who won the High School Academic Achievement awards and Daniel Loftus won the Sportsperson Contribution award.



HSIE Faculty

All students must have a labelled work book, Learning Portfolio (display folder) and their own stationery items such as blue/black pens, highlighters, glue, scissors, ruler and coloured pencils.

Year 11 and 12

Year 11 and 12 are in the final stages of their courses, having just sat their Trial and Yearly exams. We wish the Year 12 students all the best for the final weeks of school and hope their many hours of preparation ensure a solid result for their HSC examinations.



After a big couple of weeks in Federal politics,
did you know...

- Prime Minister, Sir Earle Page, had the middle name "Christmas"
- Three PM have died in office— Joseph Lyons, John Curtin and Harold Holt.
- Australia's longest serving PM was Sir Robert Menzies. 18.5 years, spread across two terms.
- Australia's shortest serving PM was Francis Forde- 8 days.

- Only 13 of the 30 PM were born after Federation (1901), and two of those Prime Ministers (Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott) were not born in Australia.

Troubie Performance

During Week 2, Year 9 and 10 are fortunate to be given the opportunity to see a performance from Troubie Theatre company.

Brett Hunt is an amazing performer and engages the audience with his exceptional rendition of history told through the use of music and drama.

Year 9 went and saw the show WW2. Fightin' the Kaiser and Year 10 watched Vietnam. Dusted Off.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Bailey 'He was very interesting and you learned heaps'

Zac 'To hear history instead of just reading it was a great opportunity.'

Deagan 'Absolutely fantastic and insightful'

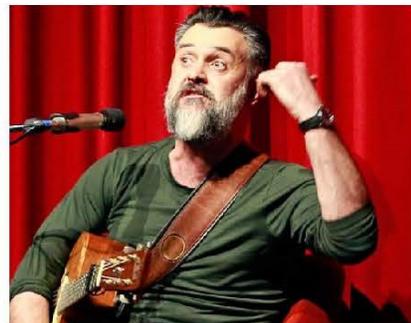
Lily 'It was great to learn about the Vietnam War from someone who was affected by it'

Holly 'It was really moving. His stories made history come to life.'

Eddie 'It was great to learn about WWII through music.'

Hugh 'The portrayal of the characters through his acting and music was great.'

Kirsten 'It was so interesting seeing Brett perform. He made the stories real.'



Year Seven History

Students have just started the unit Ancient Rome.

Upcoming Assessment: Term 4 Week 3— It will be based on source analysis. See SAO for details, however below are the key areas the students will be tested on.

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Content Author Date Audience Motive Perspective Reliability Usefulness

Students will complete many source analysis activities in class but students can refine their skills by completing source analysis questions at home. Ask your teacher for some extra sources to analyse.

Year Eight Geography

Students are in the final stages of the unit Water in the World.

Based on the current drought conditions felt across the state, this unit has been particularly relevant. Students are aware of the scarcity of water in Australia and how susceptible we are to drought but they have also learnt about the millions of people who have limited access to clean and safe water everyday.

Upcoming Assessment: Term 3 Week 9— See SAO for details

Just a reminder that students should be working on their Section One response at home. Students must submit it to their classroom teacher prior to sitting their exam in Week 9.

There is a link on classroom to help your research get started.

Year Nine History

Students are in the final stages of their unit on the Movement of People.

Students have been studying convict transportation, the slave trade and the resettlement of migrants in Australia.

Upcoming Assessment: Term 3 Week 8

See SAO for details however below is the essay question the students need to prepare for the assessment.

*‘The forced movements of people around the world between 1750 and 1901 was necessary for progress’
To what extent is this statement accurate.*

Year Ten History

Students are in the final stages of their unit Rights and Freedoms.

Students will sit their exam for this unit Wednesday Week 9.

Details of the task are outlined on their SAO however below are some reminders.

- Year 10 students have been provided with Summary Books.
- Students should be filling out summaries for each of the syllabus points covered
- Students will be asked to answer questions regarding their knowledge of the content but also their skills at analysing primary and secondary sources

See SAO for details.

CAREERS CHAT

Whitehaven Coal Cadet Program

Whitehaven Coal have recently opened applications for the Cadetship program for local year 12 students in the Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri and Werris Creek areas looking to commence University in 2019. A brief overview of the Cadet Program is below, however please click on the link provided for further info.

Whitehaven Coal (WHC) have a Cadet Program, whereby up to four Tamworth/Narrabri/Gunnedah/Werris Creek area Year 12 students will be offered financial and work experience support throughout their University studies.

Eligible applicants should have aspirations to pursue an Undergraduate Degree in Mining Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics, Geology, or Environmental Science.

Studies would be undertaken at NSW or QLDs major tertiary institutions, such as the University of New South Wales, the University of Wollongong, the University of Newcastle or the University of Queensland. Upon successful completion of their studies, cadets are employed as graduate employees.

In return for WHC support Cadets are required to work for WHC as graduates for two years.

For additional information please see the link below or call Karina Evans, HR Consultant on 02 4927 2311.

<http://whitehaven.applynow.net.au/jobs/WHC167>

SIR ADRIAN SOLOMONS MEMORIAL LAW BURSARY

Everingham Solomons Solicitors is a progressive Law Firm located in Tamworth who are offering a bursary to Year 12 students wishing to pursue university qualifications in law.

For the 2018 year, Everingham Solomons have decided to substantially re-structure the current bursary program to increase its visibility among prospective applicants and increase the assistance provided to talented students and dedicated schools.

For 2018, the benefits of the bursary program will be delivered in two parts:

1. Firstly, the successful Applicant will receive an immediate cash prize of \$1,500 and will be guaranteed a paid, annual clerkship in the firm for the duration of their degree;
2. Secondly, the successful Applicant's School will receive an immediate cash donation of \$1,000 and a plaque commemorating the student's success in the bursary program.

Please see Mrs Mooney for further details. Applications close on 28th September.

Rural Scholars Summer School

The Rural Scholars Summer School is a five-day long residential camp open to anyone 15 years and over who is interested in pursuing a career in medicine and lives in a rural, regional or remote area.

Monday, 3rd December to Friday, 7th December

The school is fully subsidised for successful applicants and for an accompanying parent/guardian for participants under 18 years old. Costs covered include accommodation on campus, meals and transport.

For further details contact Gabrielle Solomon at (02) 6773 2955 or ruralscholars@une.edu.au

Honeywell Engineering Summer School

Honeywell Engineering Summer School is an initiative organised by Engineers Australia, Sydney Division, 'Engineering' Universities and participating Rotary Clubs. The objective is to give high school students a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life.

The Honeywell Engineering Summer School will bring together 100 Year 11 Students from Regional NSW and Sydney Metropolitan Area and who are facing choices which will influence their future careers. It is a residential school with students accommodated on campus.

Engineers cultivate creative, enquiring minds, a strong interest in mathematics, science and the environment, and want to contribute to improving the quality of life for everyone. Within each engineering discipline there are many career paths from management to research and teaching, from construction and maintenance to sales and marketing. Engineering is a prestigious profession and is essential for a nation's future development, creating wealth and employment which increases living standards throughout our societies.

Throughout the program the students will meet and interact with professional engineers employed by government, private companies, researchers and academics in a wide range of engineering disciplines. The students will attend lectures/demonstrations at participating NSW universities, and participate in industrial visits, providing students with the opportunity to see the different engineering disciplines at work.

Students visit some the following universities during The Honeywell Engineering Summer School:

- University of NSW
- University of Technology, Sydney
- University of Wollongong
- University of Sydney
- Macquarie University

In addition, the students will visit four engineering sites (site tours) and attend a careers event with engineering professionals, providing the students with the ability to ask an engineer questions to assist them in their future studies.

Refer to <https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/About-s/Divisions/Sydney#SchoolsPrograms>

Career planning websites

- Job Outlook Online <http://joboutlook.gov.au/>
- Australian Job Search – Job Explorer <http://joboutlook.gov.au/>
- Job Jump - <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> (password : zebras)

University Open Days

<http://www.openday.com.au/tertiary/sydney/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 13 th September	Future of Work – Global Google (TREC, Tamworth)
Friday, 14 th September	Star Early Entry Offer program closes
Monday, 17 th September	UNE visit
Friday, 28 th September	Early bird UAC applications due
Monday, 2nd- Friday 7th December	Honeywell Engineering Summer School
Thursday, 13 th December	NSW HSC Results released by NESA
Friday, 14 th December	ATARS released by UAC

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

Proudly Presents

New England Sings!

The New England Conservatorium and Armidale Music Teachers Association are proud to present the largest choral showcase in the New England region, celebrating the joy of singing and Australian music. It features 800 students from over 30 regional schools, Armidale Youth Orchestra, and community musicians, and premieres two choral commissions specially written for the Combined Primary Schools Choirs and the Combined Secondary Choir & Orchestra by acclaimed composers Dan Walker and Felix Riebl.



Sunday 21 October
Two Concerts: 11am and 2:30pm
Lazenby Hall UNE
Adults \$25, Students \$15
www.trybooking.com/WXRS



You're invited to this year's

2018 Schools on Stage



Australian Musical Spectacular

Featuring all our talented children from the
Gunnedah and District Schools.

- **Matinee: Wednesday 5th September at 12:30pm**
Gunnedah Town Hall.
Entry: Adults \$8 Students \$3
Contact: Gunnedah Conservatorium on 02 67423998
- **Evening Performance: Thursday 6th September at 6.30pm**
Gunnedah Town Hall.
Entry: Adults \$10 Students \$3 Family \$20
Performing students free

Tickets available at Second Edition Book Store or at the door.

Contacts: Mrs Judy McGowan - Gunnedah South
Mrs Margaret Amos - GS Kidd Memorial School

PRESENTED BY GUNNEDAH EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY

Next week some students from St Mary's and St Xavier's will be involved with other Gunnedah and district schools in the

Schools on Stage production. This has now become a bi-annual event and is in its 56th year.

The production is unique, in that it is inclusive of all public and independent schools and includes primary, secondary and infants children.

The production started out as an annual event featuring a massed choir around the time of the Gunnedah eisteddfod.

There is still a massed choir component as well as performances by individual schools.

The production is under the umbrella of the Gunnedah Eisteddfod Society whose members assist with many aspects of this community musical event.

The theme chosen for this year's 2018 production is 'A Celebration of Australian Music'.

Dyslexia Drive

NSW - Northern Tablelands

FREE 90 minute Seminar:

Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed and struggle through school and later life. Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

Learn How...

You can finally break free from the cycle of reading failure and learn how to help your child read.

Learn why it is that dyslexia occurs. Understand what's happening in the classroom and how to accelerate your child's reading quicker than you thought possible - all at an affordable price, in the comfort of your own home, at a time that works with the family commitments.

You will see that small adjustments can make big changes to your child's learning and you'll gain powerful insight on how to support your child to ensure their promising future.

Your Speakers

Marianne Mullally, Dyslexia Expert, Author and parent of a dyslexic child has over 10,000 hours of clinical experience working with dyslexic adults and children over the past 11 years.

Tom Mullally, Dyslexia sufferer now turned entrepreneur in the social media marketing space was at the age of 7 told that he would never amount to anything.

Attention!!

**Parents of Struggling Readers.
Is this your child...**

- **Struggles with Reading**
- **Lacks Comprehension**
- **Can not Focus in Class**
- **Confuses Letters like b & d**
- **Has problems with Sight Words**
- **Is very creative & hands on**
- **Struggles with Writing**

If YES, then you should come.

When & Where

Katoomba	(1pm) 17 Sept (Monday)
Lithgow	(7pm) 17 Sept (Monday)
Blayney	(1pm) 18 Sept (Tuesday)
Canowindra	(7pm) 18 Sept (Tuesday)
Forbes	(1pm) 19 Sept (Wednesday)
Parkes	(7pm) 19 Sept (Wednesday)
Dubbo	(1pm) 20 Sept (Thursday)
Gilgandra	(7pm) 20 Sept (Thursday)
Coonabarabran	(1pm) 21 Sept (Friday)
Gunnedah	(7pm) 21 Sept (Friday)
Narrabri	(11am) 22 Sept (Saturday)
Wyallda	(1pm) 24 Sept (Monday)
Moree	(7pm) 24 Sept (Monday)
Inverell	(1pm) 25 Sept (Tuesday)
Glen Innes	(7pm) 25 Sept (Tuesday)
Guyra	(1pm) 26 Sept (Wednesday)
Armidale	(7pm) 26 Sept (Wednesday)
Walcha	(10:30am) 27 Sept (Thursday)
Tanworth	(7pm) 27 Sept (Thursday)
Wauchope	(1pm) 28 Sept (Friday)
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