

St Mary's College Gunnedah

December 2018 Edition

CHRISTMAS PRAYER



*Loving Father,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the
angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.*

Robert Louis

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends,

Congratulations to Year 12 for their achievements in this year's Higher School Certificate, gaining seven Band 6's and 35 Band 5's over six subjects. Some of the outstanding subject results were Legal Studies with two Band 6's and three Band 5's out of six students. In PDHPE there was one Band 6 and six Band 5's out of eleven students. Similarly, in Child and Family Studies there was one Band 6 and four Band 5's out of ten students. Emmerson Tull is the 2018 College Dux with an ATAR of 92.15 and Eliza Perkins excelled with three Band 6's and two Band 5's. Congratulations to the students and teachers of these subjects for these outstanding results. Much hard work and clever teaching have assisted these students gain these results and the whole College can take pride in this fine effort.

As we come to the end of 2018, I wish to thank the entire College community for a wonderful year. There have been many achievements in all facets of College life this year and I wish to acknowledge the hard work of staff, students and parents which has bought about this success. The College is in a very strong position but further improvements can still be made and next year promises to be another great year for the College.

The Christmas season provides us with an opportunity to rest and refresh as we find time to reconnect with family and friends. I wish everyone all the joy and peace of Christmas and may God keep you safe over the holiday period. I look forward to joining you again next year, together with some new faces, as we continue the task of creating the best possible environment for our children to reach their potential and enjoy the value of hard work and sweet success.

"The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means, 'God-is-with-us'."

Mao Quirk

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

Our High Achievers from the 2018 HSC were:

Dux of 2018- Emmerson Tull with an ATAR of 92.15.

Emmerson received one Band 6 in Legal Studies and four Band 5 results

Eliza Perkins was a close runner-up with an ATAR of 91.9. Eliza received three Band 6 results in Legal Studies, PDHPE and Food Technology and two Band 5 results.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Dates

Tuesday 29 January - Staff return

Wednesday 30 January - Year 7, 11 & 12 Return

Thursday 31st January - Year 8, 9 & 10 Return

14 February - Opening School Mass

20 February—Swimming Carnival

SPORTS NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your support of sport in any way this year from those who were actively involved in sporting events to those who just completed and returned the permission note on time.

Congratulations to all of this year's recipients of Sport Awards:

New Athletics Records

Charlie Lawrence 14 Boys 1500m

Joshua Coker 13 Boys Discus

Eliza Perkins Open Girls 400m

Eliza Perkins Open Girls Shot Put

Samuel Hibbert 16 Boys Shot Put

Half-Blues

A College Half-Blue is awarded to a student who has represented the College in a sport at Country level or has won a medal at a NSWCCC Championship. A student who has represented the Armidale Diocese for three years in the same sport is also eligible for the award of a College Half-Blue.

College Half-Blues this year are awarded to:

Joshua Coker Athletics

Samuel Hibbert Athletics

Yasmin Thomas Athletics

Ben Northey-Baldwin Tennis

Sophie Williams Swimming

Zoe Palmer Swimming

Liam Novley Swimming

Blue Awards

A College Blue is awarded to a student who has represented the College in a sport at NSW Combined Catholic Colleges level or higher.

This year College Blues are awarded to:

Eliza Perkins Netball

Andrew Osmond Tennis

Luke Bradfield Tennis

Aaron Osmond Tennis

Cooper Wilkinson Tennis

Vitorio Sardinha Tennis

Luke, Aaron, Cooper and Vitorio were in the St Mary's College tennis team that finished 9th at the Australian Schools Tennis Challenge played over 4 days in Albury last month. At the conclusion of the tournament the team was awarded the John Newcombe Sportsmanship Award as voted on by the other teams and the Tournament Officials.

SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

Sport Service Awards

This award is to acknowledge students who have made an outstanding contribution by officiating in school sport.

This year **Student Sport Service Awards** go to:

Brock Paull Touch Referee

Brock Paull League Tag Referee

Kaleb McIlveen League Tag Referee

Shauna Cassidy Netball Umpire

Bella Gallagher Netball Umpire

Chelsea Storey Netball Umpire

The Armidale Diocesan Secondary Sports Council also awards a **Staff Service Award** to staff who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of secondary school sport. This year the Staff Service Sport Award goes to – Mrs Judy Brooks

GRAHAM GROTH MEMORIAL AWARD

This perpetual trophy has been donated by the Groth family in memory of the late Graham Groth who did so much to promote participation in junior sport. The Award is to recognise students who participate in sport with a positive attitude.

Graham Groth was a man who encouraged people to play sport for the love of it not just to win. The Award will be given to both a male and female student. This year's winners of the award are:

Emerson Barr and James Elphick

Most Outstanding Sporting Achievement

This award is to recognize the single most outstanding achievement in sport by an individual this year. This year's winner is: Jay Fouracre

Jay won the Australian Junior Motorbike Track Championships in the 13-16 Years age group held at Tamworth in October this year.

Blue Ribbon Award

This award is to recognise the most outstanding male and female athletes in the College. The award acknowledges excellence in a variety of sports rather than an outstanding performance in one sport. The winners this year are:

Yasmin Thomas and Aaron Osmond

Sport Leadership Awards

The College sporting competitions rely upon the House Captains to organise the competitors in their House.

Their leadership ability influences the success of their House throughout the year and with the introduction of a lunch-time sporting competition there was extra work to do this year. This year's House Captains were:

Zoe Palmer and Jim Keys for Mercy

Stefanie Woods and Tom Maher for McAuley

Stephanie Eveleigh and Lucy Ellis for Loreto

Bella Gallagher and Connor Phillips for Lourdes

SPORTS NEWS CONTINUED

The Sisters of Mercy Honour Shield

The Honour Shield is awarded to the best performed House from all of the year's sporting competitions – the cross country, the athletics carnival and this year the lunch-time sports competition. Last year there was a new Honour Shield as the previous shield was introduced in 1956 and after 60 years was in need of retirement. The original shield was donated by the family of Sr Judith Carney and the new shield is known as the Sisters of Mercy Honour Shield to recognise the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy since 1879.

This year's winning House of the Sisters of Mercy Honour Shield is – **McAuley**

2019 Dates

The Catholic Schools Sports Services [CSSS] website contains details and dates for both the individual and team representative sports for NSWCCC - www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Registration are now open for some sports including Boys U19 Cricket and Triathlon.

With the new Gunnedah Pool now open the date for the 2019 St Mary's College Swimming Carnival has been set for Wednesday 20th February. If this date can be avoided for appointments it would be greatly appreciated.

More dates will be included in the first newsletter next year.

SENIOR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The Year 10 students have participated in the senior school experience for the last 3 weeks.

This is the second year this initiative has ran. This experience is where the Year 10 students follow the Year 12 timetable.

During these weeks, students:

1. learnt what is expected of a senior student in terms of effective use of time,
2. got an idea of the topics covered in the syllabus,
3. revised assumed knowledge needed for Stage 6,
4. Sat in the senior area during recess and lunch and
5. Were assigned a Year 11 mentor buddy whom they meet with in Weeks 9 and 10 to ask questions and gain more information about senior study.

The Year 10 students were excellent during this program, both in their behaviour and academically. The students enjoyed their time, and we hope that the program was beneficial for a smooth transition into senior school in 2019.

Thank you to the teachers who were involved in this program for providing effective and productive lessons during a busy time of the year, without their efforts the program would not have been a worthwhile experience. In addition we thank Mrs Sarah Semmler who was one of the main organisers of this program.



SUMMER PROGRAM

This January, Campion College opens its doors to bright young students throughout Australia who are looking to explore a Liberal Arts education and dive head-first into a truly unique student experience.

Some **highlights** to look forward to:

- Swimming and coastal trips
- Blue Mountains
- Hiking
- Swing dancing
- Trivia night
- Movie night
- Sports
- Literature
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology

In addition to this snapshot of academic life, students experience Campion hospitality – living on campus, sharing delicious meals and taking part in fun activities.

Campion's Summer Program provides students with the opportunity to meet academic staff, ask questions and attend lectures in the Liberal Arts. This encourages students to broaden their minds, think critically, argue persuasively and engage with the big questions that line the path to truth.

The Campion Summer Program is open to all young people aged 16-25.

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CAREERS CHAT

“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential” John Maxwell

Work Experience

The second work experience program for Year 10 St Mary's College commenced on Monday, 3rd December to Friday, 7th December 2018 (Term 4, Week 9). This week was optional and 18 students took the opportunity to explore further employment options. The work experience program was especially useful to those students who are intending to leave school at the completion of Year 10. It has proved valuable to a number of students, either helping them decide their future career path or helping them seek employment.

TAFE NSW InfoFest

21 to 25 January 2019

TAFE NSW is running campus tours each day in Tamworth from the 2st – 25th January. An Aviation skills tour of the facilities at the airport will also be conducted on Tuesday, 22nd January and an information morning tea with all Head TAFE teachers will be conducted on Wednesday morning.

Register now to visit your local TAFE Campus. Talk to teachers, get involved and see how TAFE NSW can help you launch your career. Register at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest>

Health Careers Forum

The University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health (UONDRH) will be conducting its **Health Careers Forum** for North West New England Secondary schools for Years 10, 11 and 12 students again on Tuesday, 5th March 2019.

The forum will include 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. More information will follow in 2019.

Early Offers

A large number of St Mary's College Year 12 students received early round offers from Southern Cross University, the University of New England and Wollongong University. Of the students who applied to Wollongong University 5 received the chance to have an interview and these 5 were successful in securing a place at the university. Some of the other offers included:

Sarah Storey	Bachelor of Exercise & Psychological Science	SCU
Phoebe Sumpter	Bachelor of Arts	UNE
Phoebe Anderson	Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Law	UNE
Max Crowhurst	Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Law	UNE
Olivia Byrnes	Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science	UNE
Connor Hall	Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science	UNE
Cheyenne Eveleigh-Collins	Bachelor of Media & Communication	UNE
Grace Jaeger	Bachelor of Social Science	UNE
Zac Rodstrom	Bachelor of GeoScience	UNE
Miah Bryant	Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	UNE
Miah Bryant	Bachelor of Nursing	UNE
Caleb Dorrington	Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology	UNE
Tom Egan	Bachelor of Psychological Science	UNE
Emily Green	Bachelor of International Studies	UNE

Trade Careers Event

The HIA Trades Career Event is a **FREE EVENT** for people interested in careers in the Building Industry and is supported by the NSW Department of Industry and Department of Education.

A GREAT PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND EXPERT INTERACTION, WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS TALKING WITH ATTENDEES ABOUT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, CAREER PATHWAYS AND TRADE AND SKILLED CAREERS

- **APPRENTICESHIPS** – All you need to know about being an Apprentice; Different Career Paths; Quality Vocational Training; Industry Skills Shortage Sectors; Finances, Pay and Conditions; School- Leavers: How to become an Apprentice; Students: How to get Apprenticeship-Ready; VET School Pathways.
- **NRL PLAYERS “REAL SKILLS FOR A REAL CAREER” VIDEO AND LIVE PRESENTATION**
Presented by Trades-Qualified NRL Players, information and motivation combine to give Inspirational advice on Goal-setting, Discipline and Commitment towards LIFE SUCCESS!!
- **QUESTION & ANSWER PANEL** – TRADIES, INDUSTRY EXPERTS and SUCCESSFUL APPRENTICES

LOCATION: WESTS DIGGERS CLUB – Grand Ballroom

DATE: TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 2019

TIME: 10AM Registration & industry expo,

11AM Event Presentations

1PM Speak to Trades & Careers Professionals

COST: COMPLIMENTARY (Light Lunch Provided)

Register Now:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hia-new-england-trades-career-event-tickets-53228700476>

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, 13th December

NSW HSC Results released by NESA

Friday, 14th December

ATARS released by UAC

Monday, 17th December

Gunnedah Community Scholarship Fund applications close

Monday 21st – Friday, 25th January

TAFE NSW Information Week 2019

Tuesday, 5th March

UONDRH Tamworth Health Careers Forum

Tuesday, 28th May

Trades Career Event - Tamworth

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



CHINESE NEWS

The Year 8 and 9 students continued to learn about Chinese cuisine in December. This month the students made Stir Fry Chicken and Beef in Blackbean Sauce. The students benefited from the wonderful support from Mrs Hunt who taught the students how to cook these meals

The students had a great time and enjoyed putting into practice what they have learnt in class and of course the meals they cooked were delicious.

Awards

We celebrated the achievements of our students this month and handed out the following awards:

Year 8

- Academic Excellence in Chinese - Tasmyn Clancy
- Commitment to Learning in Chinese - Alexander Harris
- Commitment to Learning in Chinese - Charley Atkins
- Commitment to Learning in Chinese - Sienna Miller

Year 9

- Academic Excellence in Chinese - Thomas Snape
- Commitment to Learning in Chinese - Mace Eveleigh-McMullen

YEAR 7 DAY OUT - GREEN VALLEY FARM





ST MARY'S COLLEGE

LIBRARY

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."

— HENRY WARD BEECHER

LIBRARY VISITS
BEFORE SCHOOL

6K

LIBRARY VISITS
DURING LUNCH

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Merry Christmas from ADIG

ADIG would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

We look forward to continuing our valued relationships with you all and seeing you all again in 2019!

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