



St Agnes Catholic High School

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to truth through love

Diary Dates...

19 February

School Photos

28 February

Swimming Carnival
Emerton Pools

5 March

Ash Wednesday

6 March

Education Mass
St Patricks Parramatta

7 March

Year 9 Brainstorm
Incursion

10 - 14 March

Catholic Schools Week

17 - 19 March

Year 7 Camp

11 April

Stations of the Cross
Term 2 Concludes



TERM DATES

Term 1

28 January - 11 April

Term 2

28 April - 27 June

Term 3

14 July - 19 September

Term 4

7 October - 19 December

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au

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7 February, 2014

Happy New Year to each and every family and welcome back to another exciting year of learning at St Agnes Catholic High School.

I would also like to extend a very special welcome to all our new families who have joined our community.

The 2014 academic year has begun and this Friday we celebrate this occasion with our commencement Mass sharing the Eucharist which unites us in the belief that we are never alone because our God walks with us each day of our lives.

The beginning of a new school year is the opportunity to make a new start. In fact, with the right attitude you can make this year successful and enjoyable. There is no doubt if you work hard and achieving success, you will be happier, healthier and more optimistic about your future.

The longer I live, the more I realise the impact that my attitude has had on my life. Attitude to me is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, more important than money, more important than my failures and successes, and even more important than what other people say, think or do.

My attitudes have affected every aspect of my life. I can't go back and change the past but the remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We are each in charge of our attitudes.

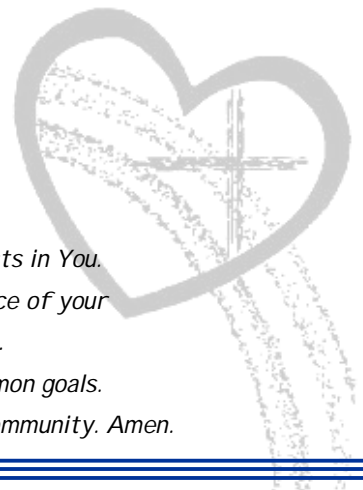
This is the beginning of a brand new school year for each one of you and "though no one here can go back and make a brand new start, you can all start from now and make a brand new end".

Our school year begins with untapped possibilities. As St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans: "It is time for us to walk in the newness of life".

Peter Brogan
Principal

*Lord, look kindly on this community that trusts in You.
During the year ahead help us to hear the voice of your
Spirit and receive your word in faith.*

*May diversity of views come together in common goals.
May we always act with due concern for all in our community. Amen.*





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I welcome each of you to the 2014 school year at St Agnes Catholic High School. In particular, we extend a very warm welcome to our new families in Year 7 and in other years who are recent arrivals to the St Agnes community.

The purpose of this article is to provide our families with a variety of information regarding the expectations of all our students. As partners in the education of your sons/daughters, we rely on the support and assistance of parents to ensure that these expectations are achieved.

Safety: The safety and well being of your child is our highest priority. Parents are reminded that there is NO SUPERVISION for students prior to 7.40am. Similarly, there is no supervision of students after 3:00pm. We encourage parents to use the drop-off and pick-up areas outside the school and not to stop for long periods. We also recommend that if you pick-up your child on Evans Road that you instruct your child to cross at the designated crossing point. Please be aware of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

Attendance: Students must attend school and arrive at lessons on time. Students are to be at school by **8:10am** ready to commence Homeroom at 8:15am. Parents are asked to ensure that students have travel arrangements in place that allow them to be at school by **8:10am**. If they are later than this they are required to bring a late note with them explaining the reason for the lateness.

Leave from School: Any parent wishing to take their child out of school for an extended time for reasons other than illness is asked to seek approval from the Principal. Exemption from school forms will be issued for parents to complete. Parents wanting to pick-up your son/daughter early from school need to ensure that a note has been provided and that they have presented it to the relevant Stage Coordinator well in advance of the time of pick-up.

Uniform Policy: As you would be aware when you enrolled your child, St Agnes actively promotes high standards of uniform and presentation from our students. Uniform requirements are clearly listed in the School Diary and are regularly communicated to students at school assemblies, stage meetings and to parents in the newsletter and information evenings.

Mobile Phones: The use of a mobile phone by students during school time is NOT permitted. The Student Management Guidelines, outlined in the school diary, state that the mobile phone will be confiscated and parents contacted to come and collect it in person. Any student that needs to make a call must do so through the front office. Similarly, parents who need to contact students for any reason should do so through the school office on 8882 0700.

Points of contact: During the year there may be a time when you would like to contact a member of staff but are not sure as to whom to contact. Please find enclosed a list of appropriate people to see about particular issues. I am always available to contact on 88820701 or pregan@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are still not sure.

The School photos are to be taken on Wednesday 19 February and are expected to be delivered before the end of the Term.

Peter Regan
Assistant Principal



From the Religious Education Coordinator

"Welcome to the New School Year!"

I hope that all members of our school community have returned happy and eager to resume old friendships and be introduced to new ones.

On Wednesday January 29 we welcomed our Year 7 students to St Agnes. Our opening liturgy focused on the theme of 'Growing in Knowledge'. As part of this liturgy, students were asked to reflect on their gifts and to work on developing them further as we progress throughout the year. For all of our Year 7 students the start of the year is all about 'new beginnings'. Students need the support of their families, teachers and the entire school community for each individual to reach their full potential. In the liturgy we prayed

'Generous God, guide all the work we do this year. We offer all of our efforts to you so that you may bless our work, our play and our growth.

May our hearts be filled with love for you and for one another as we work to build up your Kingdom.

We ask this in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus.

Amen.

I hope that throughout the year, our school will be a place where staff, students and families have opportunities to experience God's presence in our lives.

Today St Agnes Catholic High School celebrated our Opening School Mass at Our Lady of Victories at Horsley Park. Prior to this Mass students had a lesson based on our Franciscan tradition. We hope that students and staff are able to look for God from the Franciscan perspective.

Within our school, we can all try to model God's love for each one of us, by being a renewing community where all members are valued, affirmed and empowered; where our commitment to Gospel values is expressed in every area of our schools endeavors.

For this to continue , it will require wisdom and generosity of spirit to be at the forefront of all we do.

God our Father,

We ask that Your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all

Who make up our school community this year.

Help our students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their

Choices will be in accord with Christian values.

Amen"

Looking forward to the busy year ahead.

Peace and all Good.

Julie Atkins

Acting Religious Education Coordinator





Where to find News & Events from St Agnes CHS

Website



www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au



Find us on:
facebook®

www.facebook.com/StAgnesRootyHill

Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.stagnes>



School Newsletter

<http://www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/newsletters>

Hard copies available from the school office

2014 School Leaders

Congratulations to our School Leaders who will be formally inducted
into their roles at our Opening School Mass on 7 February 2014.

School Captains:	Mikhaela Ponce	Brishty Sharma	Patrick Soliman	James Tulloch
Catholic Identity/Social Justice:	Helen Tavana	Elyse Provest	Ezekiel Nool	Jake Asuncion
Pastoral:	Biel Padrilan	Paula Correia	Antony Rasic	Aaron Paje
Environment:	Shweta Lal	Saniel Villanueva		
Events/Hospitality Sports:	Dana Price	Torindah Wallace	Georgie Zammit	Patrick Policarpio
Digital Media & : Communications	Komal Chand	Annette Ronquillo	Bryan Taguibao	Rafael Obedoza
Peer Support:	Laura Van Eck	Brandon Falaniko		
House Leaders:	Chisholm: Natasha Bundalian & Akok Akok		Francis: Ronza Israel & Raj Kumar	
	Mackillop: Monique Murnane & Seann Obrero		Xavier: Kityla Uele & Blain Rees-Patrick	



From the Teaching & Learning Coordinator

Students have received their individual timetable and are to be commended on the positive start they have made to the 2014 academic year. Copies of these timetables as well as equipment lists for 2014 are available on the school Moodle. (bit.ly/stagnes).

With the iPad program now in place in Years 8-10, the majority of student learning resources and notices will be distributed in electronic format from the school Moodle, including formal assessment tasks. Years 7-10 Assessment Handbooks, which outline the school policy in regards to the completion and submission of assessment tasks, as well as the assessment schedules for each subject, will soon be available on the Moodle. It is a good idea to go through the Assessment Handbook with your child and ensure that they are aware of assessment expectations and submission dates for tasks.

This year sees the introduction of the National Curriculum in Years 7 & 9, with students in these year groups undertaking new courses in English, Mathematics, Science and Australian History. To coincide with these changes, all Year 9 students will access electronic textbooks for these courses on their iPads. This will provide them with a greater variety of resources, as well as allow teachers to assign homework tasks and assignments to them electronically.

Students in Years 9 & 10 will have the opportunity during Week 3 to see me regarding changing their elective subjects for this year. Changes can only occur if there is a vacancy in the elective class they wish to move to. A reminder that there is no guarantee students will be able to make any changes.

All students should be setting realistic learning goals that they plan to achieve this academic year. This is best done on a semester basis and involves students identifying subject areas where they have experienced past difficulties in and examining ways they can improve and achieve their personal best in. If students do not have good study habits, it will be hard for them to achieve. Trying to implement the 10 study habits below could see students learning capacity grow.

- Keep your study desk and materials organised and tidy.
- Schedule in your study time and "*stick to it*"!
- Set short-term goals for each study session and reward yourself when you meet those goals.
- Read the chapter of information that will be covered the following day. Write down any questions you have that pertain to that subject.
- Make it a point to try and use new terms and concepts in order for them to really sink in.
- Do not study for hours on end. Study for 45 minutes and then take 15 minutes off.
- Try and correspond your class notes and textbook/online information.
- Make sure to cut out all distractions when studying: phones, TV, iPods, surfing the net, loud areas, etc.
- Go to bed after you study. Your brain will mull over what you just learned while you sleep. There will be a good chance you will remember it pretty well when you wake up.
- Keep a positive attitude about your studies. If you find yourself dreading your studies, change your attitude and think how exciting it is to learn something new!

I hope that all students enjoy, participate and succeed in their studies this year.

Laurence De Martin
Teaching & Learning Coordinator

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

28 FEBRUARY 2014

EMERTON SWIMMING CENTRE

ONLY Competitors attend the Carnival

Participants **MUST** register their event interest
via Moodle prior to the Carnival





Connected Learning Challenge

Last year Year 7CLA1 students were given a challenge to make a difference to the community by helping people protect their unique environment.

Students opted to help the residents of the Blue Mountains community who had been devastated by bushfires by collecting plants and seeds, which were to be used to help residents re-establish their gardens by raising funds and buying cleaning products to help clean their homes from soot and grime or being concerned about the needs of pets who were also victims in this disaster, students decided to collect donations of pet food.

The pet food and cleaning products were delivered to Phil Koperberg, the Chairman of the New South Wales Emergency Management Committee, in Springwood.

The plants were delivered directly to 75 residents in the Winmalee area who were given a plant or a packet of seeds and a Christmas card, signed "from Students of St Agnes Catholic High School", wishing that the plant or seeds would help to re-establish their gardens.

The school was recently contacted via the schools Facebook page, by one of the Winmalee residents who wished to thank the school and the students for their thoughtfulness and well wishes.

G'day Annette. My wife Natalie and I are residents in Winmalee and a young man knocked on our door. He explained his mother is a teacher at the school and wanted to pass on the card and plant.

Thanks for the lovely gift. It is a really lovely and thoughtful gift. Keep up the good work guys!

Michael Bros

To Staff and students, Your thoughtful gift of a plant on Christmas Eve brought a smile to my face.

Thankyou

Karen George.

Congratulations to 7CLA1 who worked extremely hard and unselfishly to gather these gifts and make a difference to the Winmalee community through this Challenge Based Learning project.

Student feedback from the task:

Frank H. - Experiencing CBL really helped us to be better stewards by helping others and the environment. CL7A1 decided to help the residents of the Blue Mountains who had been affected by fires. We sent them seedlings, plants and pet food. We recently received great feedback from them.

Sheryl G. - Doing this CBL project has helped me develop research skills and I learnt how to work with a group. It was hard for me to go outside of school but I coped with it. We collected the dog food and sent it to the communities. CBL was a great experience.

Carl B. - I think my group and I did a really good job on our CBL project in 2013. It was a great experience to make a difference outside of school and our community. Overall, I enjoyed this project and learned many things about the Blue Mountains community.

Rose P. - Our 2013 CBL project was new and different for me. I found it very interesting and a new way to make a difference outside of school and in our community. In my group, we brought and donated cleaning products to help the families in the Blue Mountains area to help them recover and salvage family treasures after the fires.

Sean R. - Our CBL project was really rewarding. When we sent off the plants, pet food and cleaning products, you could feel that you were making someone else smile. I enjoyed this project and gained many skills.

Angelika B. - CBL 2013 was a great experience to communicate with people outside of our school community. It was a really good experience to help people with a simple gesture and to give people hope through a donation of a small seedling.

Bonita Carlin

Connected Learning &

Challenge Based Learning Teacher.





Starting Secondary School

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on young people. Being the youngest in the school when they used to be the eldest, getting used to new subjects and teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of the challenges our new Year 7's face while settling into our St Agnes community.

Whilst most Year 7's will take these new experiences in their stride it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly as it's accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence.

It helps to remember the **3 P's** to assist your child to settle in:

- 1. Patience** – Be patient and understanding in the early weeks. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your child to adjust. Talk to your child about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many of the difficulties they face will be temporary.
- 2. Positive Attitude** – Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that you and your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about their new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Encourage them to discuss settling in problems with the Learning Advisor, Assistant Stage Co-ordinator or Stage Coordinator. All these people have many great strategies to help your child settle into school and are more than happy to help.
- 3. Process their day** – Some young people may come with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school that may not always paint a fair picture. They can be sensitive to many things, which they would have shrugged off in primary school. It helps if you can listen without judgment and show a real interest in their new school.

Although secondary school may seem a little foreign to those used to the relative intimacy of primary school, one aspect is the same – **outcomes for students are maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interest of the student.**

Most importantly, talk your child's new school up, rather than talking it down as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives – their parents and carers!

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist your child in any way.

Paul Smith
School Counsellor
paul.smith@parra.catholic.edu.au
88820710

Tax File Number Applications For Secondary Students

As a number of our secondary students are now getting part time jobs, the school has registered for the Australian Tax Offices (ATO) Secondary School Tax File Number (TFN) Program.

Students are required to apply for a TFN through the school.

- The information provided on the completed applications will be treated confidentially
- It is important to complete the TFN form correctly and completely
- It is important to sign the form
- The information provided on the application will be certified by the school after cross-checking against the information held on the school's records
- It is recommended this be organized well before commencing casual work as it is a minimum of 6 weeks for processing at the ATO.

Upon allocation by the ATO of a TFN to a student, the student will be notified in writing at their postal address.

If any student would like to apply for a Tax File Number they can collect a form from the Student Office.



Contact Information for 2014

THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRINCIPAL	Mr Peter Brogan	
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Mr Peter Regan	8882 0701
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	Ms Julie Atkins	8882 0711
TEACHING AND LEARNING COORDINATOR	Mr Laurence De Martin	8882 0713
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	Mr Usman Khan	8882 0712
COUNSELLOR	Mr Paul Smith	8882 0710

TEACHING & LEARNING COORDINATORS

Religious Education	Ms Julie Atkins	English	Mr Brian Doran
Mathematics	Mr Laurence De Martin	Science	Mrs Pam Kehal
HSIE & Connected Learning	Ms Bonita Carlin	CAPA/LOTE	Mrs Anneke Reemst
TAS	Ms Sue Roberts	PDHPE	Mr Greg Devine
Teacher Librarian	Mrs Marie Smith	Learning Support	Ms Joanne Petersons
Connected Learning	Ms Bonita Carlin	Emerging Technologies	Mr Damien McGuire

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Stage Coordinator	Elizabeth Rullis	Elizabeth Rullis	John Cruickshank	John Cruickshank

Assistant Stage Coordinator

Gavin Hilder	Adele Sukkarieh	Chris Chavez	Patrick Madigan
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LEARNING ADVISORS

1.	Jeunelle Juarez	Bonita Carlin	Claire Moxham	Linda Hicks
2.	Barbara Kelly	Richard Szczygiel	Jubilee Bedi	Justine Zarebski
3.	Denise Davidson	Shanti Chand	Pam Kehal	Robert Weaver
4.	Nikki Valleri	Vijay Krishna	Chelsea Brogan	Joan D'Souza
5.	Daniel Petrie	Suzan Habib	Guy Tyler	Daniella Libri
6.	Kelly Padayachee	Mary Ibrahim	Rajend Singh	Brian Doran
7.	Alexandra David	Sarah Mackney	Anneke Reemst	Aroona Naidoo
8.	Jo-Anne Petersons	Rachel Vincent	Tahlia Gannan	Christopher Azzopardi
9.			Damien McGuire	
10.			Josiah Raad	

Additional Staff Members: Greg Devine, Nicole Hicks, Raj Kumar, Jane Rutkin, Harry Sadsad.

SUPPORT STAFF

Business Manager	8882 0702	Mrs Lorraine Bailey
School Fee Secretary	8882 0706	Mrs Rita Mizzi
Principal Secretary	8882 0703	Mrs Bernadette Shalala
Reception	8882 0700	Mrs Donna Missio, Mrs Therese Carroll, Ms Susan Hagarty
Student Office (Absences)	8882 0707	Ms Natalie De Luca, Mrs Annette O'Keefe
Uniform Shop	8882 0708	Ms Cherie Borthistle
Canteen Manager	8882 0709	Mrs Diane Clifton
Teachers Aides	Mrs Maree Copping, Ms Janet Green, Mrs Sandra Shaw, Mrs Maria Vella	
Library Assistants	Mrs Sharon Berman, Mrs Anthea McGinty - Rice	
Food Technology Assistant	Mrs Nola Balzan	
Science Assistant	Ms Cherie Borthistle	
Maintenance Staff	Mr John Frederic	
IT Assistants	Mr Gerardo Francisco & Mr Anthony Davey (Trainee)	



Who to contact for.....

The list below should assist you in knowing who to contact with questions about the school or your child's education.

Short absences	Telephone the school in the morning by 9.00 am on 8882 0744. Advise the Homeroom Teacher, by letter, within three days of the beginning of the absence. <i>A medical certificate is required for absences of more than 3 days.</i>
Absences longer than 1 week	Illness – telephone the school and send a letter to the Stage Coordinator. Extended /planned absence – a letter and Application for Exemption from Attendance (AEO) to the Principal, giving at least 2 weeks notice. AEO available from the office and from our website.
Academic Progress	Subject Teacher Teaching & Learning Coordinator Learning Support Teacher Assistant Principal
Assessment Tasks & Examinations	Teaching & Learning Coordinator
Bullying	Depending on the nature and severity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homeroom Teacher/Subject Teacher/Assistant Stage Coordinator• Stage Coordinator• Counsellor• Assistant Principal• Principal
Complaints	Depending on the nature and seriousness of the complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage/Assistant Stage Coordinator (pastoral / general issues)• Teaching & Learning Coordinator (curriculum issues)• Assistant Principal• Principal
Personal, Family and Pastoral Care Matters	Homeroom Teacher Stage Coordinator Counsellor Assistant Principal Principal
Discipline Matters	Teaching & Learning Coordinator (subject matters) Stage Coordinator (general matters) Assistant Principal Principal
Lost Property	Student Administration Office
Finance (Fees)	Business Manager or School Fees Secretary
Uniforms	Stage Coordinator (management) Uniform Shop Manager (purchasing)



Word of the Week

INTRIGUE

Definition – To become interested or curious

E.g. – I was intrigued to know why the teacher was dressed up as a doctor.

Literacy Trivia

Q: What part of speech is used in a sentence to describe a noun?

Submit your answer for a chance to enter the draw for a family movie pass.

Please email your answer to stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au and

tune into the next newsletter to check out the answer.

(Only one entry per student allowed)

Literacy Fact

Did you know that the least used letter in the English language is the letter "Q"?

Need to Know Language Techniques

Synonym – A word similar in meaning to another word.

E.g. "big" has a similar meaning to the word "huge"

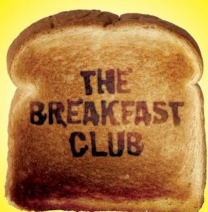
How good are you at Naplan?

*Are you able to answer the following Year 7 Naplan question? If not, this is what Naplan **WILL** test you on. Let's start with an easy one!*

Which one of the following correctly completes the sentence?

Brisbane is one of the cities which _____ facing a water shortage?

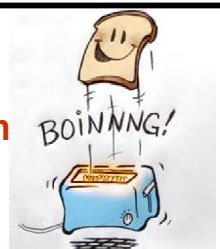
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- ☐ am



Tau Breakfast Club

Free Breakfast 7:40–8:10 a.m. Near the Canteen

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday



This year St Agnes Catholic High School will continue to utilise our Moodle Community to help our students engaged with their subject content. Our **MO**re **O**nline **D**irected **L**earning (MOODLE) Community allows our students to continue their learning journey outside of their normal class time.

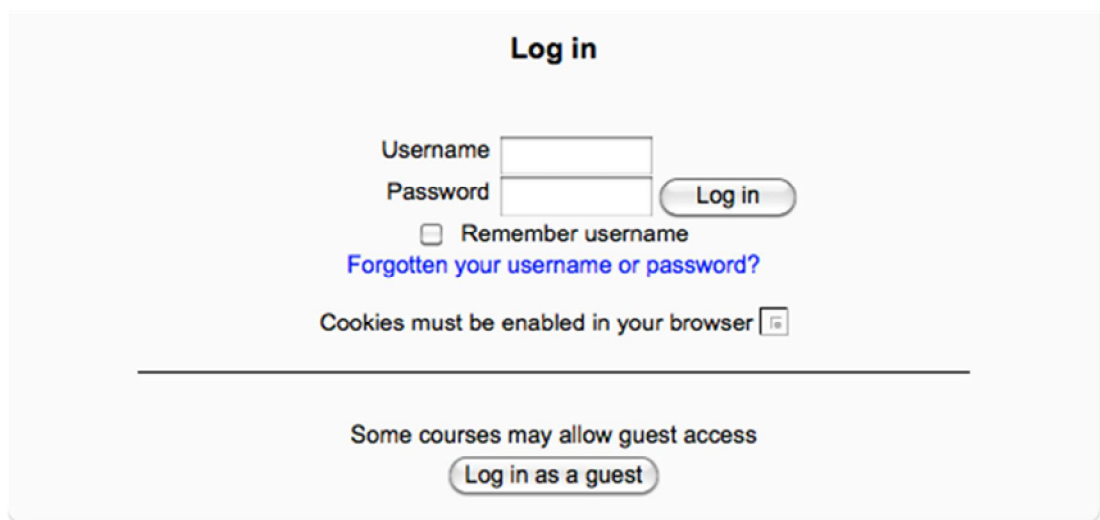
Throughout the year students and parents will be able to view our newsletters, information notes, subject assessment tasks and resources via our Moodle Community website.

Below is a series of steps that students and parents can follow to access our Moodle Community.

Step 1:

Our Moodle Community website address is <http://bit.ly/stagnes>

Once you type the above address into your web browser the following page will be loaded.



Log in

Username

Password

☐ Remember username

[Forgotten your username or password?](#)

Cookies must be enabled in your browser ☐

Some courses may allow guest access

Step 2:

Every student at St Agnes has been issued with a unique username and password. You are able to use your child's username and password to login to our Moodle Community website.

Step 3:

Once you have logged on correctly our Moodle Community homepage will be displayed. Listed on this page are the courses available to any member of the St Agnes community. Located within each course are the specific activities, resources and assessment tasks.



St Agnes Catholic High School

You are logged in as Mr McGuire (Log out)

Navigation

- Home
 - My home
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 - My courses
- Administration

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SACHS HIGHSPEED CEDPWLAN
CLICK HERE TO CONNECT

E-LIBRARY AT
ST AGNES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Calendar

February 2014

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Online users

Damien McGuire
Emerging Technologies Coordinator



Responsible Use of Technology

The school provides a range of information and communication technologies, network infrastructure and Internet services for education, communication and research purposes for all members of the school community. Families should be aware that some material available on the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive.

Acceptable Use

All students are expected to use these resources in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, demonstrating respect for others and an appreciation of the right to learn of all students to learn. The use of the network must be for educational purposes only and consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

Use of the network will be permitted only after the student and parent (or guardian) have signed the user agreement in the school diary (page viii).

Failure to observe any of these provisions may result in suspension of access rights for a period of time.

Damien McGuire

Emerging Technologies Coordinator



Uniform Shop

Opening Hours -Tuesdays between 10.00am and 12:00 noon, during school terms only. Students are able to attend the Uniform Shop at recess on Tuesdays. The uniform shop is closed during school holidays.

Cash, Eftpos, Cheque, Visa and Mastercard are accepted. We do not accept American Express.

PLEASE NOTE: There are NO layby facilities available at the Uniform Shop.

Phone – The direct line to the Uniform Shop is 8882 0708, and is answered on Tuesdays only 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Uniform enquiries can also be made through the school office on 8882 0700. Orders can be left at the School Office to be filled on the following Tuesday, through the following:

- Credit card payments can be made over the phone on 8882 0700.
- Cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the Reception Office.
- Send cash, cheque or your credit card details in an envelope with a note detailing what you wish to purchase with your child on Thursday.

Sports caps, ties, calculators & safety glasses are available for students to purchase at recess and lunchtime from the school canteen, on any school day.

A uniform price list is available on our website <http://www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/uniform-shop>.

Piano Lessons
for students of all ages and stages

 **Margaret Dunmore on 9831 1183**
Dip SCSM (Teach) (Hons), AIMEE (T), L Mus Ed ASMC

Located in Blacktown



School Fees

School fees statements have been mailed out and fees are due on 7 March 2014.

Last year the Catholic Education Office introduced a Flexible Payment Plan which has been a very popular option of payment. This will again be offered for 2014 and all the information will be included with the school fee statements. Please note that this offer is only available for a specific period of time at the beginning of the year the closing dates will be advised in the mailing.

In brief this option enables families to pay their school fees in regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments by bpay or direct debit over a period of 6 months.

Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Rita Mizzi on 8882 0706 at the earliest opportunity.

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Diocesan Fees*				
Diocesan School Fee	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,785	\$ 1,980	\$ 1,980
Diocesan Building Levy	\$ 669	\$ 669	\$ 669	\$ 669
School Fees				
Resource Fee	\$ 546	\$ 546	\$ 546	\$ 519
Sport Fee	\$ 78	\$ 78	\$ 96	\$ 96
Excursion Fee	Nil	\$ 66	\$ 114	\$ 105
Camp Fee	\$ 300	Nil	Nil	Nil
School Bag	\$ 60	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (2014)	\$ 3,438	\$ 3,144	\$ 3,405	\$ 3,369

All School Fees are charged over the first **three** terms using the following schedule

PER TERM	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Diocesan Fees				
Diocesan School Fee	\$ 595	\$ 595	\$ 660	\$ 660
Diocesan Building Levy	\$ 223	\$ 223	\$ 223	\$ 223
School Fees				
Resource Fee	\$ 182	\$ 182	\$ 182	\$ 173
Sport Fee	\$ 26	\$ 26	\$ 32	\$ 32
Excursion Fee	Nil	\$ 22	\$ 38	\$ 35
Camp Fee	\$ 100	Nil	Nil	Nil
School Bag	\$ 20	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (per term 2014)	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,048	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,123

Additionally discounts apply to the Diocesan School Fee where the family has more than one child attending systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and St Dominic's College, Kingswood or systemic schools in the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

(25% for the second child, 50% for the third child and 100% for the fourth and subsequent children)

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Diocesan School Fee				
2nd child	\$ 1,338	\$ 1,338	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,485
3rd child	\$ 891	\$ 891	\$ 990	\$ 990
4th child	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

PER TERM	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Diocesan School Fee				
2nd child	\$ 446	\$ 446	\$ 495	\$ 495
3rd child	\$ 297	\$ 297	\$ 330	\$ 330
4th child	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

*Additional charges apply for families who are not Australian Residents - further information available from the school office.



School Uniform

A student's sense of belonging and identity is aided by wearing a school uniform. Pride in the school is often demonstrated by the manner in which a student wears his/her school uniform.

All St Agnes uniform items other than shoes and tights must be purchased at the school uniform shop.

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
School skirt (below the knee length)	School grey trousers
St Agnes school blouse	Short sleeved, school shirt, tucked in (long sleeves optional in Terms 2 & 3)
Opaque black tights (turn over socks are optional in Terms 1 & 4)	Standard dark socks
Standard polished lace up school shoes such as 'Neo' (no elevated heels)	Standard polished lace up school shoes such as Roc 'Maggie' or Lynx Utility
School cap	School cap
School jumper (optional)	School jumper (optional)
School Blazer (Terms 2 & 3 and formal occasions)	School Blazer (Terms 2 & 3 and formal occasions)
Plain black scarf (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)	Plain black scarf (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)
Plain black gloves (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)	Plain black gloves (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)
	School Tie
	Black Belt

SKIRT REQUIREMENTS

Girls are to ensure:

- their skirt button is worn on the left hand side of their waist and the label is at the back of the garment.
- the temporary stitching at the hem is removed to release the pleats.
- the length of the girls skirt is NOT shortened as it is intended that it be worn below the knee.
- skirts are NOT rolled over at the waist as this affects the hang of the skirt.

A few helpful hints to ensure the good presentation of the skirt:

- Skirts need to be dry cleaned, hand washed, or washed on a **wool cycle** only.
- The shape of the skirt holds best if it is hung on a hanger to dry.
- To ensure the pleats fall correctly it is best to press down both the hem and pleats.
This works best using a damp cloth when ironing.



SCHOOL BAG—The St Agnes school bag is a compulsory part of the school uniform

SPORTS UNIFORM

- School cap or hat
- School tracksuit
- School sport shirt with crest
- School shorts
- White ankle length School socks
- Clean lace up joggers

WEARING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Correct school uniform is to be worn travelling to and from the school, while at the school and at any formal occasion designated by the Principal. The school uniform should, at all times, be clean and neat.

GROOMING

- Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep their hair off the face and out of their eyes.
- Boys hairstyles should not go below the neckline. Boys must be clean shaven.
- Girls with hair below the shoulders should have it tied back. All hair accessories are to be black. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hair style, cut, colour or accessories.
- No make up or nail polish is permitted.
- The Assistant Principal will make the final decision on what is extreme.

JEWELLERY

In the interest of safety and security, no inappropriate jewellery should be worn. Body studs, chains or bracelets are not permitted. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated, secured in the school office and returned to parents or at the end of term. The following only may be worn:

- A simple wrist watch
- A plain gold or silver ring (with no elevations, stones or sharp points)
- A plain gold or silver chain with a Christian cross or Christian medal (to be worn underneath the shirt)
- One pair of plain gold or silver sleepers or small studs without stones, one in the lobe of each ear. (Boys are permitted an appropriate earring in one earlobe only.)

OTHER

- Students may wear their sports uniform, including tracksuit, to and from school on their designated Sport and double period PDHPE days.
- In Terms 1 and 4 the tracksuit is optional.
- Blazer pockets are available for purchase, this is to be placed on second hand blazers.
- All items of uniform must be clearly marked with the student's name.
- Parents may be contacted to bring in the correct uniform if students are inappropriately dressed.





Canteen Price List

The school canteen is open each day of the school week. It is run under the "Healthy Canteen" guidelines set out by the NSW Health Department.

Lunch orders must be placed in the canteen before school. Students are served at the start of day, recess and lunch times.

Parents are invited to help with this important service to our students.

Food

Sandwiches	\$3.50
Rolls	\$4.50
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$2.00
Salad Box	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	Small \$2.00 Large \$2.50
Pies	\$3.50
Wraps	\$4.00
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Hamburgers	\$3.50
Hot Chicken Roll	\$4.50
Lasagne	\$3.00
Pizza	\$3.00
Fruit	\$0.50 per piece
Chips	\$1.00
Ice Blocks	\$0.70 - \$3.60

Drinks

Hot Chocolate	\$1.00
Water	\$1.00
Diet Soft Drink	Can \$2.00 Bottle \$2.50
Juice	Small \$1.00 large \$2.50
Thick Shake	\$2.00
Up & Go	\$2.00
Milk	\$2.50
Powerade	\$3.00
Yogurt	\$1.50
LOL	\$1.00
Iced Tea	\$3.00



If you would like to volunteer please contact Mrs Diane Clifton on 8882 0709 to discuss as suitable time to help. Even if it is only for a few hours a day, your time and help will be appreciated.

POLICE SAFETY MESSAGE TO PARENTS /CARERS AND ROAD USERS NEAR SCHOOLS

The NSW Police Force is committed to the safety of school children within the local area, both inside and outside school grounds.

To reinforce safe driver behaviour around schools, police urge parents and carers to drop off and pick up their children safely from school by adhering to simple parking regulations and road rules.



Police have included a list and have clarified common parking and driving offences which occur within the immediate vicinity of our schools. The Regulations governing road user behaviour are designed to promote road user safety (including pedestrians) and encourage the free and unimpeded flow of traffic – both pedestrian and vehicular. Every driver needs to adopt responsible and good driver behaviour in and around our schools.

Police, the school, parents and the local community can all work together to ensure the safety of each and every child in a school zone.

Signage

NO STOPPING

a vehicle must **not** stop in a No Stopping zone

NO PARKING

a vehicle must **not** stop in a No Parking zone **unless** the driver:
is dropping off or picking up passengers or goods and does not leave the vehicle unattended and completes pick up/drop off ASAP and in any case in less than 2 mins. (a vehicle is deemed unattended if the driver is more than 3m away)

BUS ZONE

a vehicle must **not** stop in a Bus Zone unless it is a registered public passenger bus

CLEARWAY

a vehicle must **not** stop along a sign posted Clearway unless it is a taxi or bus dropping off/picking up passengers

Parking

It is illegal to:

- Park a vehicle within 10m of an intersection
- Park a vehicle within 20m of an intersection controlled by traffic lights
- Double Park
- Park within 20m approaching a Bus Stop sign and 10m departing a Bus Stop sign
- Park on a footpath or nature strip (public area between road and adjacent land)
- Park across a Driveway
- Not park in direction of travel (wrong side of road)
- Park within 3m of a continuous centre dividing line or strip
- Park within 1m of another vehicle
- Unreasonably cause obstruction to another vehicle or pedestrian

(Note: The list is not exhausted and provides general information. Detailed information regarding specific Rules and Regulations can be found on the RTA web site.)

Drivers are reminded of their requirement to comply with road user legislation.

If you would like any further information on the road regulations or road safety please contact Blacktown Highway Patrol on 9671 9103.

Sergeant Paul Apap

Blacktown Highway Patrol
Blacktown Local Area Command
9 – 11 Kildare Road Blacktown
Telephone 02 9671 9199 Facsimile 02 9671 9118 ENet 74199 EFax 74118 TTY 9211 3776 (Hearing/Speech impaired)
ABN 43 408 613 180



From the Bishops Office and Catholic Education Office

Positions Vacant

Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Seminary. Closes 9 February.

Parish Secretary: St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. Closes 9 February.

CCD Regional Coordinator: Holroyd/Parramatta Region. Closes 14 February.

Youth Minister: St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill. Closes 28 February at 5pm.

Full details of these roles and position descriptions are available in the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Fr Wim Hoekstra Pilgrimages Information Afternoon: 9 February

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is organising two pilgrimages in 2014: 7-23 July taking in France and Italy (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence) and 19 September – 4 October (September school holidays) for Israel and Jordan. Information afternoon on Sunday 9 February at St Finbar's Parish Hall, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook: 2.15-3.30pm for the France & Italy pilgrimage; 3.45-5pm for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Limited places available. For flyers and booking forms, click on News and Events at www.stfinbars.org.au or contact Fr Wim tel (02) 4739 8928, wim@stfinbars.org.au

Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel (02) 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au

The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel

The inspiring insights in this publication put forward by 12 prominent Australian Catholics follow the release of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Published by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* is available free online and in book form.

Contributors to *The Francis Effect* include: Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Head of Mission Studies at the Columban Mission Institute; Fr Tim Norton SDV, Australian Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries; Julie Edwards, CEO of Jesuit Social Services; and Joe Moloney, Research Officer with the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office. To read *The Francis Effect – Living the Joy of the Gospel* free online visit www.catholicmission.org.au/thefranciseffect. To order a print copy call 1800 257 296 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au

Holy Spirit Mission: 14-16 February

'Have Faith in God' (Mk 11:22) presented by Br Lalith Perera, international speaker and founder of the Community of the Risen Lord. Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Parramatta is hosting a program that includes Br Lalith speaking on: Receiving powerful faith is a gift from God (Fri); Sickness and problems can be overcome by truths revealed by faith (Sat); Faith and the Holy Spirit bring the Kingdom of God into the here and now (Sun). There will be Sunday Mass, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry, Children's Ministry. Times: Fri. 7.30-9.30pm; Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 11am-5pm. Free entry, donation appreciated, coffee & tea provided, BYO lunch, package meals for purchase. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. Details: Gerard 0404 093 118, Ansel 0400 280 886, Charles 0425 840 362.

Christian Meditation: 16 February

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery at Arcadia. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Beliefs and Practices of Australian Catholics – what we know and why it matters: 19-22 February

This conference is an initiative of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It will be an outstanding learning opportunity for clergy, diocesan personnel, parish leaders, parish staff and others in the Catholic community. Presenters include: His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia; Dr Mary Gautier, senior research associate at the Centre for Applied Research in the Apostolate in the US; Dr Bob Dixon, Director of the ACBC Pastoral Research Office. Bob has a PhD in sociology from Monash University as well as degrees in science, theology and education. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Program and registration: <http://www.pro.catholic.org.au/node/56> For more information: tel (03) 9953 3457, office@pro.catholic.org.au

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2014 PDSSSC Sport Trial Calendar

There are opportunities for our talented athletes to trial for PDSSSC teams/squads to compete in NSW Combined Colleges events against other Catholic schools students across NSW. Dates are noted below.

February

- 11 - PDSSSC Baseball trials - Tregear 4pm.
- 26 - PDSSSC Girls Hockey Trials UWS Kingswood

March

- 3 - NSWCCC Tennis Championship - Pizzey Cup trials, Barton Park Parramatta
- 11 - PDSSSC U/15 Rugby League selection day. Hickey's Lane
- 12 - PDSSSC Open Rugby League trial. 4pm Gilroy College.
- 17 - NSWCCC Golf Information Day Camden Lakeside Country Club
- 19 - PDSSSC Touch Gala Day/Selections The Kingsway
- 24 - Girls Football Gala Day / Selections Jamison Park
- 25 - PDSSSC Rugby Union Trials Mitigar Reserve Hassell Grove
- 26 - SICCC Rugby League Trials Norford Park Sefton
- 31 - PDSSSC Boys Football Gala Day / Selections Jamison Park



May

- 6 - NSWCCC 15s Netball Selections Auburn Volleyball Sel. Bankstown
- 7 - NSWCCC Open Netball Selections Auburn
- 8 - NSWCCC AFL Selections
- 23-27 - NSWCCC Rugby Trials St Marys & Campbelltown

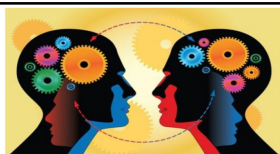
June

- 16 - NSWCCC Tennis Team trials Bathurst Tennis Complex
- 19 - PDSSSC Boys Softball trials Tregear



November

- 25 - 2015 PDSSSC Girls Softball trials - Tregear



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When: Tuesday evenings from 4 February 2014 within the school term

Time: 7.30pm - 9.45pm

Where: Holy Cross College, Victoria Road, Ryde

For enquires please contact: Michael Hill - 9869 3774 or 0410 774 432;

Carol Harding - 9639 0096 or 0411 022 478;

Jannelle Carlile - 0431 598 004 (Mon - Fri between

7.00 9.00 p.m.); or Email: counselling1969@gmail.com

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Important information

HOMework CLUB

Tuesday afternoon
2.30pm—3.30pm in the Library
ALL WELCOME.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thursdays - during school terms
10.00am -12 noon
Orders can be left at the office at any time and will be filled on the following Thursday.

STUDENT DIARIES

Student diaries will take an increasingly important role in our school culture and systems. As always, the diary is important for students to track homework and events,. It carries important school information about rules and procedures. Students required to carry their diaries to all classes. Students who lose their diaries will be required to pay \$10 for a replacement.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Keep receipts for items to claim at
Tax time.

For more information visit:
www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

Contact the student office on 8882 0700 by
9am to advise your child is absent. A note
must be given to your child's Learning
Advisor on return to school.

CANTEEN

A way to get involved in our community is to become a Canteen volunteer. We are desperately in need of canteen helpers. If you could spare any time, please ring Mrs Diane Clifton on 8882 0709 to discuss when you may be able to help . Even if it is for a few hours a day, your time and help will be appreciated.

OFFICE HOURS

8.00am - 3.00pm
Message bank facilities available.

SCHOOL MEDIA

Website
www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au
Facebook
StAgnesRootyHill

SCHOOL PHOTOS 19 FEBRUARY 2014

On Wednesday 19 February students will have individual ID photographs taken to be used on the school information system and student ID passes. These are also be available for purchase.

Photograph envelopes will be distributed to students via their homerooms prior to the photo day. Parents who wish to purchase photographs should complete the envelope clearly and enclose payment. Students are to bring the envelope on the day of the photographs. This envelope goes directly to the photographer. Please ensure the exact money is in the envelope as change will NOT be available.

FULL summer uniform is to be worn.

The school photos are expected to be available early Term 2.

Student Absences & SMS

Our student rolls are now marked electronically, and as an extension of this, parents will be notified by a text message if their son/daughter is absent from school. Parents can assist by notifying the school when their son/daughter will be absent, and no text will be sent. We have had a small number of glitches in the system so far, but many parents have expressed appreciation for the communication and see this as a very positive action. **Please ensure the Office has an accurate record of your contact details.**