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## Diary Dates

### 17 July

Term 3 Commences

### 18 July

Yr 7 Visit to The Great Synagogue

### 21 July

SALSA Training Day  
"Write a Book" Day

### 26 July

WS Girls Rugby League Finals

### 27 July

Australian Mathematics Trust Competition

30 June 2017

Dear parents and guardians,

Do you think that you are a model for your children, as to the type of person they will grow to be? It would seem that even if we don't see ourselves that way, there is no escape for us: its not only children who grow. Parents do too.

As much as we wish to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching to see what we do with ours. We all learn through modelling: in fact we can't avoid being an example to our children, whether good or bad. Therefore, being a good example is going to be rather important to our children.

Children cannot develop a moral compass unless the people closest to them use the clear, unambiguous language of right and wrong. As teachers and parents we want our children to be responsible for their character development; our responsibility is to provide the physical and moral environment.

Thank you for another term of learning here at St Agnes Catholic High School. It has been a very successful term in many ways; particularly our students regarding attendance and behaviour have impressed me.

On Wednesday we held parent/teacher interviews, which was a wonderful opportunity to congratulate these young men and women who each day strive to be the best they possibly can be.

Peter Brogan  
Principal

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## *From the Teaching & Learning Coordinator: Curriculum*

### **Year 10 Careers Excursion & Career Aspirations Day**

On Thursday 22 June Year 10 students travelled to Sydney Olympic Park to visit many of the one hundred and twenty exhibitors at the Western Sydney Careers Expo.

Students spent time walking through exhibitor stalls and speaking to various course providers about career paths and opportunities. Universities, TAFE, the Australian Defence Force and numerous private colleges representing the arts, music, information technology and hospitality industries were visited.

Students also had the opportunity to sit and listen to seminar talks including those given by the Universities Admissions Centre, the Mathematics Association of NSW and the Academy of Interactive Entertainment.

Following this excursion, on Friday 23 June the school held a Career Aspirations Day in the San Damiano Centre. The purpose of this day was to expand the thinking of the students about careers and career pathways. Students were divided into small groups and rotated between four presentations during the day. Australian Catholic University lecturers and current students led the presentations. Students gained information on Law, Nursing, Exercise and Health Science degrees, along with information on subject selection processes and universities.

Overall, both days were highly beneficial in providing relevant and timely information to the students that could be used to assist in their subject choices for Years 11 and 12.

*Laurence De Martin*



### **WANTED - Families to host a Japanese student 19-23 August 2017**

Students are aged 16-17 years & speak some English

What you need to provide:

- A comfy bed (sharing is fine)
- 3 meals a day
- Daily transport to/from St Agnes

Families are paid \$50 per night per student for hosting the student.

Students attend school on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend.

Further information regarding the program visit [www.vsociena.com](http://www.vsociena.com)  
or call Takashi [ushinohama@vsoceania.com](mailto:ushinohama@vsoceania.com) or mobile 0408 468 538

# From the Religious Education Coordinator

## Pray with us through the Gospel of Matthew

The St Agnes Mission Goal for 2017 is: To develop a deeper knowledge of Jesus and his message of service through reading the gospel of Matthew. As a learning community, we have started to incorporate the gospel of Matthew as part of our daily prayer with a scripture focus for each week.

I'd like to invite you to join us in praying these scripture passages with us as we continue to deepen our knowledge of Jesus and his message of service. Each scripture of the week is shared in our fortnightly newsletter. By praying the gospel of Matthew together, we can bring the message of each scripture to our own communities, in our homes with our children so that we then speak the same language of faith, love, trust and compassion proclaimed by St Matthew.



The scripture focus for Week 10 is "The Beatitudes" (Mt 5:3-10).

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Here are a few helpful points for our reflection:

"Blessed" means happy. Happy is the person who does all these things.

Jesus does not tell us to pursue happiness; he is describing how a person is happy.

Beatitude #1- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (5:3)

- We need to realise our utter and complete dependency on God.
- It's possible to be the richest person in the world, but be poor in spirit. And it's possible to be living in poverty, but have no need for God.
- The Jews were expecting a political kingdom and an external kingdom, which will come in due time. But Jesus teaches here that the kingdom first and foremost is an internal, spiritual kingdom.

Do you feel entitled? Do you feel like God owes you? Then you are not poor in spirit and it's impossible for you to enter the Kingdom

Have you repented, and do you continually repent?

Beatitude #2- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (5:4)

One of the greatest problems of the church today, and of individual Christians, is that many have never really been convicted of sin. The world has taken spiritual morphine, and numbed itself.



We see people ruining their lives with sin, and it hurts.

The Christian is comforted by the promise of God, the promise of eternal life and forgiveness of sins.

Beatitude #3- "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (5:5)

Meek means "humble, modest, unassuming, gentle"

Meekness doesn't mean weak, or spineless, or pathetic. It really means power under control.

When a person sees himself as a servant, he isn't frustrated that people don't recognize him, or promote him, or see his giftedness.

Beatitude #4- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (5:6)

We don't hunger and thirst for happiness, we hunger and thirst for righteousness.

The person who is hungering and thirsting for righteousness is a person who has making efforts and rearranging his life to avoid sin. It is a longing to be holy. It is willing to make lifestyle changes.

Beatitude #5- "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (5:7)

Mercy means to be sympathetic, compassionate, or pitiful.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, he said, 'Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing.'

In the story of The Good Samaritan displayed mercy on the injured man. Jesus said he had "mercy." The whole point of that story is that Jesus, is the Good Samaritan.

The opposite of showing mercy is someone who is exacting, someone who keeps records of wrongs, hold grudges, keeps mental notes of exchanges. Someone who has been shown mercy, is generous, doesn't keep a record or a mental balance sheet. They don't do mental accounting and weigh the balance.

Beatitude #6 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (5: 8)

Jesus is concerned with the heart.

Someone with a pure heart can see God in nature, in others and in themselves.

Beatitude #7 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (5: 9)

Reconciliation means someone who actively works to bring peace and reconciliation where there is hostility.

The story of the Bible is a story of God making and providing peace through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We called not to just keep peace, being a passively peaceful person but about being an active reconciler of people.

The opposite of peacemakers: careless with words, complainers, grumblers, gossipers, trouble-makers and critics.

Beatitude #8 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (5: 10)

Jesus is saying that opposition and persecution are a normal part of the Christian life such as name calling and belittling, physical abuse and even death.

But there is reward in heaven and we are in the company of prophets and saints.

Let us unpack the scripture using Three Senses:

Literal: What is the scripture passage saying?

Spiritual: What is the message for me & the key teaching for all of us?

Application: How can this be applied to life? (Prayer, Christian Life, Sacraments, My relationship with God?).

Thank you for joining us in our mission this year. Let us pray together as a St Agnes community, a place where we come to know Jesus.

Term 2 has been filled with many events and opportunities that highlight the St Agnes identity. A very special occasion for St Agnes on the 2nd June was the Pentecost Liturgy at Our Lady of Consolation Chapel. We were blessed with the presence of Fr Alan Layt and Fr Jarome from the Mary's Little Children Community who celebrated a beautiful Liturgy.

Year 10 students designed our sacred space and our multicultural community was truly highlighted during the prayers of the faithful in Tagalog, Vietnamese, Tamil, Arabic and Amharic. The music students under the guidance of Miss Juarez and Mr Jadrijevic, graced us with beautiful hymns and the all beloved Christ Be Our Light song.

We thank the Our Lady of Consolation Chapel pastoral team for opening its doors to St Agnes and we look forward to the many liturgical celebrations there in the near future.



This term we have also reignited mass on Thursday mornings. Fr Alan has graciously celebrated the Eucharist with our staff and students as we continue to make this available every week in Term 3.

Fr Alan and the support of the St Aidan's parish are also going to provide the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be made available on Friday afternoons for students. I'd like to extend my thank you to Fr Alan and his unwavering support to the faith formation of our school community.

Next term the Catholic Identity and Social Justice Portfolio leaders will be launching our Winter Appeal and Social Awareness Week. We look forward to your ongoing support as we continue to find the needs of our community and to do something about them together.

May you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break with your loved ones.

God bless,  
*Mary Reyes*



## "Franciscan of the Fortnight" Award

The Franciscan of the Fortnight Award is a prestigious award that recognises the values of St Francis of Assisi today in the areas of service, relationships, dedication and prayer life unique to the St Agnes student.



Congratulations to the following recipients of the Franciscan of the Fortnight.

Year 7: EVAN MONTENEGRO (7.6)

Evan is an Environment Portfolio Leader and has demonstrated a willingness to protect and care for the world in which we live. He does this without complaint on a regular basis. Evan has also developed positive relationships within his cohort and is a good example of Franciscan values.

Year 8: ALECKSANDRA FAVOR (8.3)

Aleksandra is a studious, respectful and dedicated student who is always striving for excellence. She is a positive and influential role model to her peers and encourages others to do their best in their learning. Aleksandra demonstrates the values of St Francis in how she cares for others in a genuine way and how she promotes peace in her relationships at St Agnes.

Year 9: ALTHEA FARJARDO (9.3)

Althea is a kind-hearted student who has demonstrated her commitment to support the school in all initiatives. She always has the right attitude and is a great role model in homeroom as she volunteers for prayer on a regular basis. Althea carries herself with integrity and is open to new learning opportunities when they arise. Thank you Althea, for your dedication to be an image of St. Francis of Assisi today.

Year 10: MERYLE GALANG (10.3)

Meryle has dedicated herself to serving the St Agnes community this semester as a Pastoral Care leader and as a Catechist at our local primary school. She is a friendly and outgoing person who seeks to promote respect and peace wherever she goes. Meryle has demonstrated values of St Francis in her commitment to sharing the Good News as a catechist and unwavering support to all St Agnes social justice initiatives. Thank you for being an excellent role model, Meryle.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Your school team has been successful in making it through to the Western Sydney Girls Finals Day to be played on:

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Whalan Reserve

The winning team in each division of the Western Sydney Girls Finals Day will progress to represent the Western Sydney District at the NSW Legends Finals to be played on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Macquarie University.

On behalf of the NRL and Game Development team, we would like to congratulate you on your commitment and dedication to Rugby League that has gotten you this far.

The Western Sydney Girls Finals Day remains one of the most competitive Rugby League carnivals of its type in NSW, whilst continuing to grow year by year. This carnival provides outstanding opportunities for girls within the game of Rugby League; allowing their passion for the game, their talent & commitment to shine. In alliance with the NRL's core values of Excellence, inclusiveness, Courage and Teamwork, the Game Development Team encourage all students/players to play fair and competitive football, in a well and respectable manner.

Again, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Regards

NRL Game Development Team





# Our Lady of Consolation Visits

In Term 2, every Thursday afternoon during ELP, students visit the residents at the Our Lady of Consolation Aged Care Centre. A new program was developed titled "Bridging the Gaps" that provides an opportunity for St Agnes students to get to know the residents on a weekly basis and to simply spend time together playing card games, xBox tournaments, art and craft or just having a conversation.

The OLOC (Our Lady Of Consolation) visits during ELP every Thursday is an amazing experience and opportunity to get involved with the elderly in our community. My first thoughts on getting involved with the elderly was that it wouldn't be really fun or exciting because I thought that we would do activities I wouldn't really enjoy. But now I am looking forward to every Thursday and what it has in store for us. The first time we went over to OLOC I thought that it was a nice, small and cozy centre, but what I didn't expect that it is actually a huge area with elevators and beautiful scenery. Visiting the OLOC has changed my mindset because before I thought that nursing homes were places that weren't fun at all; a depressing place. Through this experience, I now see nursing homes as a place to live life and at the same time stay safe. It has also taught me that doing small things can mean a lot to other people. For example, playing games with the elderly and just having a conversation with them every now and then can really make their day and can also put a smile on their face. I look forward to meeting new residences and clients from the OLOC every Thursday and being able to play games or do arts and crafts with them. I am very grateful to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to interact with the older generation and to learn so much from them.

*By Mary Ocampo (10.6)*

Having the opportunity to attend Our Lady of Consolation every Thursday during ELP has been an absolute pleasure. When my ELP class were told that we will be attending OLOC every Thursday, I was very excited to be able to spend valuable time with the elderly and learn a little bit about themselves. When I first visited OLOC my first impressions were how clean the space is and how friendly and welcoming the workers and volunteers are. Prior to visiting the nursing home, I originally thought that a nursing home was a place where the elderly go when they are very ill and eventually spend their last moments at, however it is definitely not the case. Our Lady of Consolation is a place for the elderly to live.

It is an amazing place consolidating many facilities, some being a gym as well as a theatre. Seeing these facilities had really changed my mindset on how I view nursing homes because I now see it as a home for the elderly in which they are very cared for and not isolated from recreational activities they may once enjoyed. Each week I constantly look forward to each visit because I am able to talk with the elderly whilst making arts and crafts and playing games with them. The smiles that these activities bring upon their faces are beyond priceless. It makes me extremely happy knowing that I am able to brighten up their day and put a smile on their faces. It has really taught me that all the little things you do for them makes a great difference and it makes me feel proud knowing that I have made a change no matter how little or great the difference is. Attending Our Lady of Consolation is an amazing experience and I am honoured to have been given such an amazing opportunity because it is not everyday that we are granted with opportunities like this.

*By Bianca Pace (10.6)*



Photos of Year 10 students Mary Ocampo, Bianca Pace, Madison Udovcic and Jazmin Taylor making butterflies using cupcake ups, barbeque sticks and glitter.

# Catholic Youth Parramatta Lifted Live! Leadership Seminar

On the 3rd to 4th of June, Vanie Barcelon and myself attended the LIFTED Leadership Seminar at the Atura Hotel, Prospect. We had the opportunity to learn about becoming better leaders and walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

We were informed on how to lead groups of people and the various strategies that can be used in being a good leader, from a religious perspective. We were also lucky to meet other young people at this event who are also school and parish leaders. We also socialised at dinner by the pool amongst religious leaders from in the Parramatta diocese.

Overall, I enjoyed the experience and I found this leadership seminar to be informative and beneficial. Many thanks to Mrs Reyes and the school for giving me this wonderful learning opportunity.

*Jonathan Israel*  
Year 9 Catholic Identity Portfolio Leader



## Kokoda Memorial Track Excursion



Year Nine recently had an exiting time at an excursion to the Kokoda Memorial Track. On this excursion we all followed a guide who gave us an insight about war, particularly during WWII. We all were granted a greater understanding, not only, of that time but also of the impact on average people during this time.

We listened to the veterans talk about fathers, brothers, friends, and family whom suffered in the war. This excursion, in my opinion, was amazing. We all took away different pieces of these heroes life and collectively our Year groups are better educated about this topic, through the stories, displays, and informative discussion.

We got to interact, ask questions, and listen to some of the most inspirational and informative people in our community.

Two things I took away from this excursion was how horrible war and WWII especially, was that every day people usually ignored or walked past are some of the bravest people in our society.

One thing I will always remember now more than ever is that we have a future because of these men, and so we must be grateful and look after what we have. We also need to need to remember their sacrifices.

*Krystal Neely*  
Year 9 History

Did you know			
Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but			
He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years





# Elective Photography Excursion

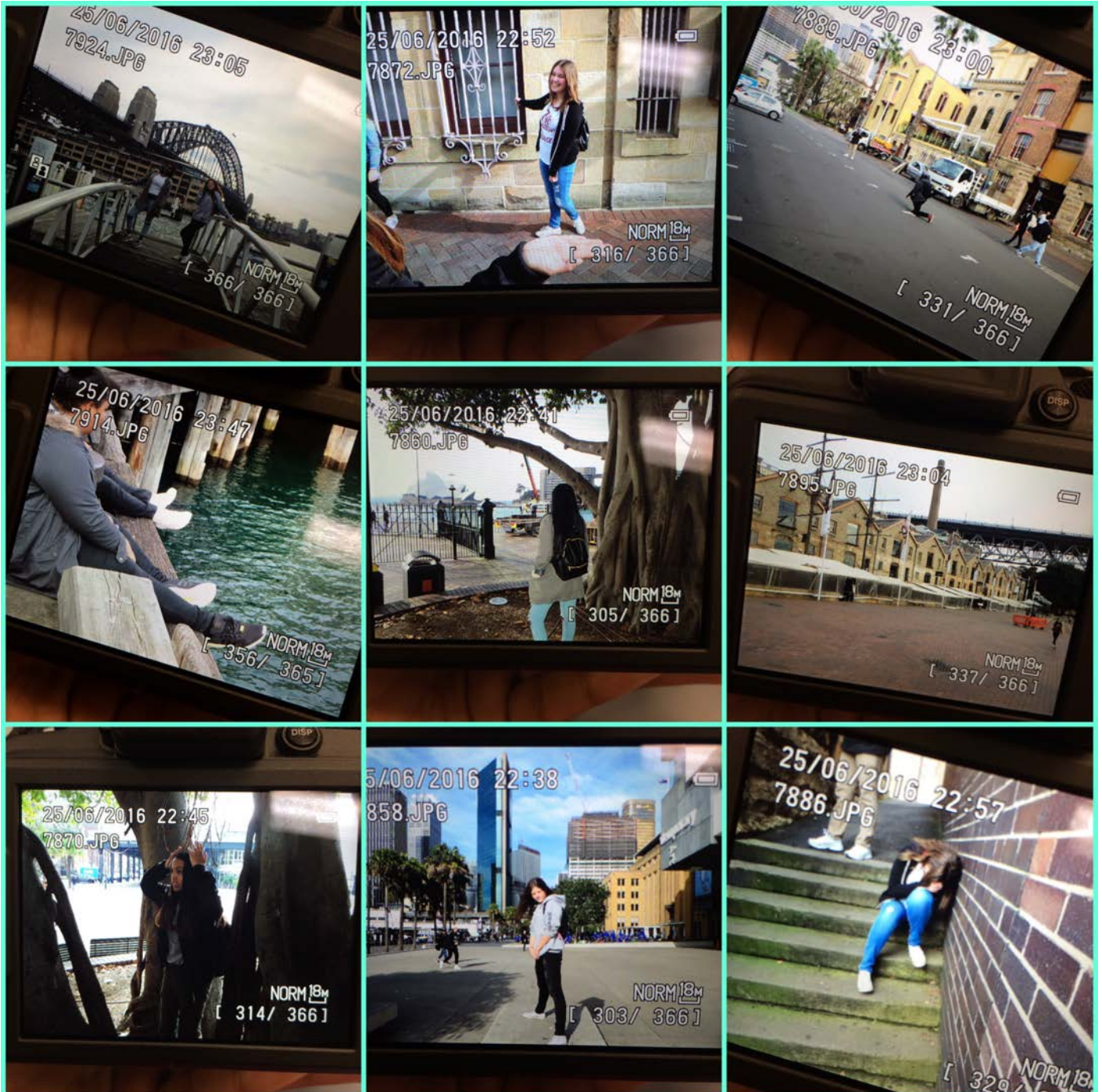
On the 27th June 2017, the photography elective classes went on an excursion to the City. During this marvelous outing, we were able to explore and recreate different emotions through the genre of portraiture. We were able to see many sites that the city could offer, and create a wide variety of photographs for our assessment task.

We walked from Circular Quay and strolled around to The Rocks. Students took a range of portrait images along the way, making use of the various surroundings. The students that attended the excursion enjoyed themselves and want to go back! In this excursion we were able to take different forms of portraiture, from candid to staged portraits.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers, Miss Valleri, Ms Reemst and Mrs Campkin for this great opportunity.

Callandra Jane

Emily Moyse





# St Agnes Turns Yellow

## St Agnes Turns Yellow to Support Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On June 16 St Agnes hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. This cause has always been an important one for our community, because cancer affects many people, and some are our family and friends. According to the Cancer Council, it is the leading cause of death in Australia and 134,000 people are estimated to be diagnosed with the disease this year. To help make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer, our school community turned yellow to fundraise for the event.

In the weeks leading up to the morning tea, our incredible Event leaders spent many lunch times preparing for the day. Every morning they went around to homerooms asking for cake donations, and each morning they received astronomical support from their peers and teachers, who offered to contribute to our cake stall.

On the day, the leaders decorated the school in yellow, set up the photo booth, and put up the 'kiss cancer goodbye' poster they created with Miss Valleri. They also assisted in coordinating the school photo, organising each year group, to form the word 'HOPE'.

Our biggest morning tea was a success, with St Agnes raising \$1,467.70 for the Cancer Council. The school goal was to raise \$1,000 so we were ecstatic when we exceeded all expectations.

A special thank you to our leaders Jazlyn Bell, Andro Esho, Therese Clarke, Ninno Obrero, Angelica Patterson, Andrew Freeman, Maddison Harris, Hanok Basaznew, Skye Fernando, Rayanna Franco, Jay Ng, Hannah Plaatjes, Natalie Sukkarieh, Hana-Marie Kayrouz, Hannah Harvey, and to all the students who stepped in and helped on the day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful parents, teachers and students. Without your generous donations and commitment, none of this would have been possible. We are so blessed to be part a community that fosters hope, love and compassion. The way our school comes together to support such events is something to be proud of and is the reason we accomplish what we do. A big congratulations to everybody for this achievement.

*Josiah Raad*  
Year 10 Assistant Stage Coordinator



# Getting Creative in English

This semester Year 8 have had an interesting combination of topics to study: "Myths and Legends" in Term 1 and "The Play's the Thing" this term. Both topics lend themselves to some creative input and 8B1 was definitely up to the challenge!

With the "Myths and Legends" unit, each student chose a Greek God or Goddess to study. Students presented a 2-3 minute monologue to their peers on the story, powers and idiosyncrasies of their chosen ones.

They were required to use some form of dress-up to represent their character. Athena, the Greek Goddess of Wisdom and Warfare, was a popular choice amongst the girls. Posiedon, God of the Sea and Zeus, God of the Sky and King of the Gods, were most popular with the boys. Students presented a 2-3 minute monologue to their peers on the powers and idiosyncrasies of their characters.

The "Play's the Thing" introduces students to the world of Shakespeare and Elizabethan England; giving them the context they need to take with them into Year 9 when they study a Shakespearean play in depth. We investigate the world the bard grew up in. Looking at Shakespearean English can be quite a culture shock, since our language has evolved considerably in the last 450 odd years. Many words and sayings that Shakespeare used and invented are still used today.

Shakespeare had an amazing vocabulary of over 30,000 words, which is impressive even by today's standards. Most of us have a vocabulary of around 15,000 words. Who'd have known that Shakespeare invented words like assassinate, mountaineer, radiance or luggage? Or expressions we still use today: to be cruel to be kind. In all, he is credited with adding over 2000 words to the English language.

8B1 had the informal task of building a model of "The Globe Theatre", where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed before it caught fire and burnt down. "The Globe" was so named because of its circular shape and its intent to expose its patrons to the word of theatre. Students used paper, cardboard and paddle-pop sticks to construct their models and these are now on display in our library for others to enjoy too.

*Denise Davidson*  
English Teacher





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## July 2-9 2017 - NAIDOC Week

### OUR LANGUAGES MATTER

NAIDOC week, which is celebrated annually in the full first week of July, stands for 'National Aboriginal and Islanders Day of Observance Committee'.

Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and communities and recognises the valuable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to our country.

This year the NAIDOC 2017 theme is - 'Our Languages Matter'.

The theme aims to celebrate the essential role that Indigenous languages play in both cultural identity, linking people to their land and water, and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Please take time to check out the NAIDOC display in the library...books, creative paintings and posters created by aboriginal students from St Agnes. Special mention, look for the campfire and fish swimming in the stream.

Thank you to both Ms Berman and Ms Brogan for their support and putting the display together.

*Dean Uthoff*  
*Aboriginal Student Support Teacher*



## NSW Cross Country Carnival

On Friday 16th June the NSWCCC Cross Country Carnival was held at Sydney Motor Sports Park at Eastern Creek. St Agnes was fortunate enough to have three students to represent not only St Agnes, but also PDSSSC, at the NSWCCC Carnival. The three students were Anyanya Muorwal, Wol Tong and Tong Muorwal.

There were 50 students in each age group from all around NSW. The students did extremely well with Tong finishing 37th in the 15 years boys, Anyanya 17th the 16 years boys and Wol finished an impressive 11th in the 16 years boys. The top 10 from every age group goes through to the NSW All Schools Carnival with Wol narrowly missing out.

A huge congratulations is to be given to these students who ran on the day and represented St Agnes and PDSSSC with pride. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

*Claire Ely*  
*PDHPE Teacher*



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## *From the Bishops Office*

### **Light Up St Pat's joins the Winter Light Festival**

Light Up St Pat's was an initiative started by the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish to connect with the diverse and growing community of Parramatta. Working with Parramatta City Council, building projects will be running similar to Vivid and Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral. The projections will run throughout the duration of the Winter light festival held across the road at Prince Alfred Park.

<https://catholicoutlook.org/light-st-pats-joins-winterlight-festival/>

Opening night is on the 30th of June 6pm - 10pm and Closing night is 9th of July. Projection runs 6-10pm on week nights and 7-10pm on weekends.

### **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 30 June**

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on 'The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=256587>. For more information: [cgsaust.org.au](http://cgsaust.org.au)

### **Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth - Discernment Retreat: 1 July**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or mobile 0449 656 406.

### **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: 2 July**

2 July 2017 is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday with the theme, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me". Resources have been developed by the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council to assist Parishes and Schools to celebrate the gifts and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to the Church in Australia. Resources can be found at:

<http://www.natsicc.org.au/atsi-sunday-2017.html>

### **Sea Sunday Appeal: 9 July**

Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea. This year's theme is 'In the midst of the storm', highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans. You can donate by posting a cheque to: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601 or via electronic banking to: BSB Number: 083-347; Account Number: 649 518 680, Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### **Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 9 July**

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472. Also on 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December

### **MGL Sisters Vocations Weekend 13-15 July**

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are a new Australian group who dedicate their lives to helping people encounter the love of God. They invite young women who are open to praying about God's will for their lives to spend some time with them at their home in Sydney. This weekend provides the space to pray, as well as information about the MGL vision and way of life, their ministries and their individual stories. If interested, please contact the sisters: [pattijo.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:pattijo.mgl@gmail.com) or 96268382

### **75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement - Sunday 16th July**

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kentenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future. The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. All are welcome.

11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (rego essential for catering purposes)

2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant

3:30 Afternoon Tea <https://www.facebook.com/events/1430850330307339/>