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Newsletter: 5th May 2017

Term 2 Week 2

Calendar Dates

MAY

- 15 Years 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm—8:30pm
- 17 SRC Trivia Night
- 26 Athletics Carnival
- 30 Staff Meeting (9:30am late start)
- 31 College Photo Day
P & F General Meeting 7pm

JUNE

- 12 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday
- 23 Polding Walk
- 30 Term 2 ends

Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are hoping that many of you have now downloaded the Skoolbag App. As indicated last term this will be our primary means of communicating with you in the future. We apologise that we initially had some problems with Android phones being able to access the App but it is our understanding that this has now been rectified. Instructions to download are included in this newsletter (see page 3) to guide you through the process.

As you know we have had a particular focus this year on improving our students' attendance level. We are pleased to say that we have already made some progress on this front and will be continuing our efforts throughout the year.

PLEASE NOTE

We **will not** be holding a Staff Development Day on Friday, 9th June as previously advertised. This will now be a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.

God Bless
Kevin Jones



ANZAC DAY

Easter Liturgy



College Leadership Teams



~ Executive ~

Principal

Mr Kevin Jones

Assistant Principals

Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs Mary McGuinness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

Case Management Coordinator

Miss Hayley Lalor

School Secretary

Mrs Lisa Casey

Business Manager

Mr Paul Cruise

Administration Coordinator

Mrs Anita Meehan

Learning Technologies Coordinator

Mr Bill Robson

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

Music

Mr Bradley Lee

Visual Arts

Miss Angela Rando

English

Ms Marsha Edwards/Assistant: Miss Angela McEneaney

Human Society & Its Environment

Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

Languages

Ms Felicity Lupton

Mathematics

Mrs Anni Brailey / Assistant: Mrs Mary Quinteros

PDHPE

Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell

Careers

Mr Brett Collimore

Science

Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

Sports Coordinator

Mr Dean Bertenshaw

Technology & Applied Studies

Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

Year 7: Mr Craig Adams

Year 8: Mr Jeremy Tuano

Year 9: Mr Nick Briffa

Year 10: Mr Matthew Marshall

Senior Coordinator:

Miss Kristy Walsh

Social Justice Coordinator

Mrs Janette Wick

Home-School Liaison Coordinator

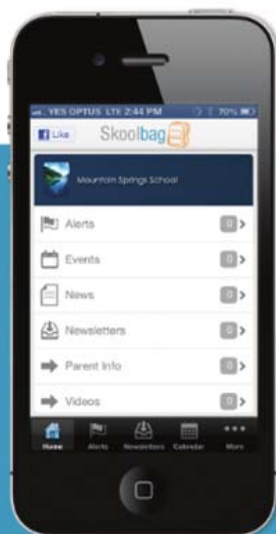
Miss Jenny Woods

Student Counsellors

Debbie Robinson/Sarah Kennedy

Librarian

Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe



Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook!  Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Blue Datto Foundation - Keeping Safe

Is your child or someone you know learning to drive this year? The Learner and Provisional phase can be a challenging and sometimes scary period for any family, with more young people being injured on our roads.

Parents and Guardians have an important role to play in keeping their young driver safe and help is now available to give you the practical knowledge, skills and resources to do so. In partnership with Transport for NSW, the Blue Datto Foundation has launched a NEW and FREE interactive program, 'Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers,' for parents and guardians of current and future young road users.

The Hawkesbury Region program will take place on **Wednesday 24th May** at Bede Polding College from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and we encourage all parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, role models and also young drivers to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Book your spot now by following the links on the Blue Datto website at www.bluedatto.org.au.

For more information contact Blue Datto on 02 8999 8005 or email us at info@bluedatto.org.au.

We hope to see you there!



2017 Polding Walk

Planning is going well for the Polding Walk to be held on Friday, 23th June (Week 9). Letters outlining details of the day were issued to all students before the end of Term 1. Students were given their blue sponsorship cards and by now should have started getting sponsors signed up. Special letters for attracting business sponsors are available at the Student Foyer.

There are some great prizes and incentives on offer (including gift vouchers and a day at Wet 'N Wild) for those students who raise the most money.

If parents are interested in volunteering to help on the day, please complete the response slip on the letter and return it to school as soon as possible.

This year we are hoping to raise around \$55,000 through the Polding Walk, and that money, will benefit students by providing an awning over the courtyard near the Student Foyer and another large fan in the Hall.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District

HPRM: 17/5632

Advice to Year 7 Parents RE: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination in 2017

In previous years the HPV vaccine course has been given over a 12 month period. However, in 2017, the second dose of the HPV vaccine will be delayed until later this year to accommodate the introduction of the Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program for students in Years 11 and 12.

Scheduling the HPV course in this way will not reduce the effectiveness of the vaccines.

Should you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the Penrith Public Health Unit on 4734 2022.

Peer Support: End of Program Celebration

The Peer Support Program ended on Friday the 7th of April with a Liturgy, BBQ and games afternoon run by the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. It was a wonderful afternoon and a fitting end to the time Year 7 have spent with their Peer Leaders. All the Year 11 Leaders are to be congratulated on their efforts during the term, they have been excellent role models throughout the program.

Kindly

Mrs Kimberley Baker

Peer Support Coordinator



Peer Support: (con't)



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Peer Support: (con't)

Student reflection by Antonia Ranieri Year 11

The 7th of April draws a conclusion to Peer Support for 2017, and what a time it has been. New relationships have been created and new memories will last a long while. Years 7 and 11 Peer Support leaders all worked together in the afternoon to further their bonds of friendship and reminisce on the peer support memories of this term.

The day began with a liturgical celebration of friendships created through Term 1 between the Year 7's and Year 11's. Year 11 received signed appreciations for all their hard work through Term 1 for contributing their time to helping Year 7's adjust into high school. In Period 5 Year 7 students were separated into games such as basketball, dodgeball, games in the bitumen area, milo cricket and volley ball. The sports afternoon was a fun way to enjoy time with the Year 7's before finishing another successful year/term for Peer Support.

Many thanks to Miss Baker for her continuous dedication to the Peer Support groups and enthusiasm toward the activities planned each week.

Good luck to Year 7 on all their future journeys through high school and remember we're always here to help with anything.





SRC Trivia Night

Wednesday 17th May 2017

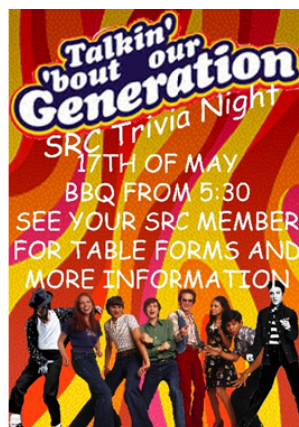
*All proceeds to be donated to **San Miguel Family Centre, North Richmond***

The night begins with a sausage sizzle from **5:30pm** with trivia to begin at **6:00pm**. As well as trivia, there will be mini games and raffles with over 50 prizes to win. The major prize this year is a Toshiba HD TV!

All are welcome, so please organise a small group (maximum 10 people), complete a table form available from the college office or email:

mkneller@parra.catholic.edu.au and return to Mr Kneller or the office with \$50 by Friday 12th May, 2017.

The SRC would love to see you there!



IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.



Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence - the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return.

In your SMS reply please include the following details:

Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), **reason for absence**.

Examples:

Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold.

Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GIVE REASON FOR ABSENCE.

We are still receiving replies without providing a reason for absence. In these cases it is still an unexplained absence and will remain outstanding.

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child's attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4577 6455.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place

This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

Illegal U Turn:

All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please **do not** make this turn.

Recharging Mobile Devices:

All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS

RE: SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD

Please be aware that the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road are as follows:

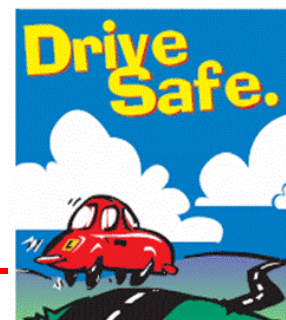
1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am -9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading **"NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED"** to warn motorists of this change.
2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DROP OFF/PICK UP

For safety reasons parents are asked NOT to drive onto the school grounds to drop off or pick up students before 9:30am and after 2:30pm. The ONLY EXCEPTION to this is for students with disabilities.

Thank you



ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 3

3A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
12	ATD		VET Hosp F&B (S)	French Beg (IC) French Cont (IC)	History Extension (S)		
11	ATD		E&ESc (IC)	Chemistry (IC)		Business St (S)	
10	ATD		Science (IC)	Food Tech A, B (S) IT Metal (S/IC)	Drama (S/IC)Food Tech C (IC)	PDM (IC)	Food Tech C (S) Music (S)
9	ATD		Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
8	ATD						
7	ATD		Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 4

4B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May
12	ATD		EES (IC) P5	English Ext 1 (S)		Catholic St (IC) P4	
11	ATD		PDHPE (S)		Geography (S) SSc (S) Visual Arts (S)		
10	ATD			Geography (IC) Science (IC)	English (IC)		
9	ATD				Drama (IC) IT Metal (S) PDM (S)	Drama (IC) Music (S) Visual Arts (IC/S)	
8	ATD						
7	ATD						

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 5

5A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May
12	ATD						Athletics Carnival
11	ATD		Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	
10	ATD			IT Timer (S/IC) Visual Arts (IC)	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	
9	ATD				Assessment Free	Assessment Free	
8	ATD						
7	ATD						

PLEASE NOTE:

In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.

A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12

- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
 - ◆ Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
 - ◆ Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

Submission Instructions Year 7—10

- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
 - ◆ For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.