



## August at a Glance

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- **Mon 13- Weds 15 September**  
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## **Kindergarten Classes for 2017**

The School is currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2017. Enrolment Application forms are available from the Front Office. Children enrolling for Kindergarten 2017, must have turned five years of age before 31 of July. If you have any relatives or friends that are interested in enrolling at our School, please ask them to contact the Enrolment Secretary, Ms Kiahidis to arrange a suitable time for a meeting and a tour of our School.

## **Selective Schools Test Results**

Congratulations to Anastasia Lamprinos, Chrissy Griffith and James Klianis from Year 6, who received a placement in the selective Schools tests! Well done to all the students, their teachers and parents for all their hard work over the years.

## **K-6 Liturgy- Friday 12 August**

Years K-6 will be attending a Church Liturgy in the morning. The students will be offered Holy Communion on the day, so please prepare them accordingly.

## **Church Attendance**

Church Attendance for August has been scheduled as follows:

- Sunday 7 August—Years 5 and 6
- Sunday 21 August— Years 3 and 4

## **Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge is coming to an end. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. Students should now be returning their book logs to have their books added to their online challenge list. The challenge finishes in August. Students need to have returned their reading logs to their class teacher before **Friday 19 August**.

## **ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions**

The ICAS Competitions for Years 3-6 will be held on the following days:

- English ICAS: **Tuesday 2 August**
- Mathematics ICAS: **Tuesday 16 August**

Students will only be able to sit for the competition if they have paid their entry fee.

## **St Euphemia College Fundraising Dance— Saturday 20 August**

The St Euphemia College Fundraising Dance will be held this year on Saturday 20 August in the New School Hall. All parents, friends and students are encouraged to attend to support our school. Tables of 8 and individual tickets are still available for purchase. The cost of tickets is \$60 for adults and \$30 for children (sorry no children under 5). If your child is performing on the night you are expected to accompany them to the dance. Catering on the night will be provided by Zakis Catering and the DJ will be George Soravia. Goodie bags will be given out on the night to all the ladies.

## **Father's Day Stall— Thursday 1 September**

The P&F will be organising a Father's Day Stall on Thursday 1 September. Students will have the opportunity to buy a gift for their father or grandfather on the day. Presents cost \$8 each. If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please complete the form attached and have your child return it with the correct money to their class teacher by Wednesday 31 August. If you can help with the stall on this day, contact Ms Mary Michael at the School Office.

**Father's Day Breakfast– Friday 2 September**

To celebrate Father's Day, St Euphemia College is having a complimentary sausage sizzle and coffee for our Fathers and Grandfathers. This will take place on Friday 2 September between 7-8am. Mums and students are also welcome to buy a sausage for \$1. If anyone would like to volunteer please call the School Office.

**Book Week—Monday 22 – Friday 26 August**

Children's Book Week highlights and promotes the fun and learning associated with reading books for children. Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia celebrating its 71st birthday in 2016. The theme for 2016 is 'Australia! Story Country!'.

On Tuesday 23 August, students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in mufti clothes. Straight after the morning line up bell, there will be a morning assembly in the New Hall where the Infants students will parade their costumes and entertain us with some songs. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come and watch the parade.

On Wednesday 24 August Louise Park, author of 'Harriet Clare', 'Boy vs Beast', 'Bella Dancerella', 'Zac Power Test Drive' and 'Spy Recruit', 'Star Girl' and many more novels, will be visiting our School providing our students with her writing expertise. The cost of her visit is \$5 payable to the class teacher by Friday 19 August.

On Thursday 25 August, we will be having an Art Competition with great prizes to be won.

This year's Book Fair theme is 'Australia – Story Country'. Come and join us in our 'fair-dinkum', 'true-blue' Aussie adventure. It will be open every afternoon from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August in the Primary Library, situated in the new building. All money raised from the Book Fair will go directly towards buying library books and interactive resources for our classrooms.

**Alpha Show Incursion 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'– Thursday 11 August**

On Thursday 11 August years K-6 will be participating in an incursion, watching the brand new stage show by Alpha Shows titled, 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'.

Alpha's Hunchback, loosely based on the Victor Hugo novel, aims to instil in the audience a sense of the importance of resilience in times of hardship and oppression from those more powerful than us, and how even small changes in our physiology and heart can have lasting impact.

Quasimodo leads the way for the audience to follow as he lets go of the pain of his past & finds his true purpose, becomes who he truly is and lives with love, instead of fear.

There's everything you would want, comedy and hilariously witty dialogue, a sword fight, lots of audience interaction and fantastic music. You will be pleasantly surprised at how its been woven together a story full of magic, intrigue, romance, adventure and yell-out fun! The cost of the incursion is \$10, payable to the class teacher by Monday 8 August.

**Changes to Term Dates for the Primary Only**

**Friday 23 September** is now a Staff Development Day for the Primary staff. Teachers on this day will be completing their scheduled ReViva (First Aid) training. As such there will be **NO SCHOOL** for the students. Students will now be finishing on **Thursday 22 September** instead of Friday 23 September. Also, students will now start Term 4 on **Monday 10 October**.

**Parents Parking**

Just a reminder to parents to be mindful where they are parking before and after school. There is designated areas set aside for parking and under no circumstances should anyone be parking on private property, including neighbouring apartments blocks and Child Care Centres. If parking is a problem please arrive earlier than the time required in order to find ample parking.

**Jeans for Genes Day—Friday 5 August**

Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children's Medical Research Institute. St Euphemia College has been proudly participating towards this organisation for many years. On Friday 5 August, students and their teachers will wear jeans to School and make a \$2 donation. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

This year you can also make an **online donation**. All you have to do is log on to [www.jeansforgenes.org.au](http://www.jeansforgenes.org.au) and search for St Euphemia and make your online donation.

**Mini Olympics – Thursday 18 August**

Every four years we become even more sports mad than usual! Along with cheering our favourite athletes at the Rio Olympic Games from the 5 – 21 August, students at St Euphemia College will have the opportunity to participate in their very own 'Mini Olympics' with their teachers.

On Thursday 18 August, teachers will host a variety of 'games' for the students in a bid to promote fitness and fun. Students in each class will be allocated a country participating in the Olympics and are encouraged to wear the colours of that country on the day. The cost of the event will be \$8 and will include a sausage sizzle and a drink. Please pay to the class teacher by Friday 12 August. If there are any parents who would like to volunteer to cook the sausage sizzle, please contact Angela in the office.

**Dormition of Theotokos– Monday 15 August**

Monday 15 August commemorates the Dormition of Theotokos and therefore there will be NO SCHOOL on the day. Students are encouraged to attend church on this most holy day with their families.

**Sport News.....****Bus Transport Levies**

A reminder that the Term 3 sport bus levy for Years 3-6 must be paid to the class teacher by Friday 5 August, 2016. The cost is \$30.

**PSSA Training**

Training for the PSSA Winter Competition resumed on Wednesday 20 July.

Please note the following training schedule.

Boys soccer—Ms Koliris (Training on Thursdays at Kearns Oval 3.00pm to 4.00pm)

Girls soccer— Ms Gallo (Training on Thursdays at Kearns Oval 3.00pm to 4.00pm)

Netball—Ms Stamos (Training on Wednesdays in the school playground 3.10pm to 4.15pm)

Boys Newcombe Ball—Ms Phillips (Training on Thursdays in the school playground during lunch time)

Girls Newcombe Ball— Ms Pozoglou (Training on Thursdays in the school playground 3:10pm-4:15 pm)

A reminder to parents to please collect their children from their respective training sessions promptly and not to leave siblings unattended at School during training. All students are reminded to have an extra bottle of water for training sessions. School hats must also be worn while training.

Training will continue until Week 4. From there onwards, teams will be notified if training is on, depending on whether they reach the semi-finals and finals. Semi-finals for the Winter PSSA Competition will be held on **Friday 19 August** and Grand Finals on **Friday 26 August**.

The Summer PSSA Competition will resume on Friday 9 September.

**IPSHA Athletics Carnival– Monday 29 August**

The Annual IPSHA Athletics Carnival is to be held at the International Athletics Centre at Homebush on Monday 29 August. The bus will be leaving school at 7:15am and returning by 4:00 pm. The participating students will be notified at a later date. Parents are welcome to attend and support our School.

## Excursions...

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten will be going on excursion to Centennial Parklands on Friday 5 August 2016 as part of their Science Unit. The cost of the excursion is \$50. Please place the money in a sealed envelope with the child's name on the front and hand it to your child's class teacher by Friday 29 July 2016.

Students will need to bring their own packed recess, lunch and water bottle (No nut products) and are to wear their Winter sports uniform including their sport hat.

Please note that in the event of wet weather, the excursion will be cancelled.

## LAST MONTH.....

### Justice for Cyprus March

On Sunday 24 July, the Prefect Body and other students from the College attended the Justice for Cyprus Commemorative March at Martin Place. The students honoured all those who fought during the 1974 war. Together with Mr Peter Theo OAM, Ms Koliris, the Primary captains and vice captains laid commemorative wreaths at the cenotaph and walked to the Town Hall in memory of the invasion of Cyprus.



### Debating Team

On Friday 4 June our debating team versed Trinity Prep school in a great debate. The topic was that "Water is Australia's most precious resource". Both team's brought forward some strong and convincing arguments. Our negative team got through with a win, but unfortunately our affirmative team just missed out. Nevertheless, all speakers put on a great performance and showed that their skills are developing. Our next debate will be in Term 3 and we will be versing Meriden College on Friday 29 July.



### Year 1– National Maritime Museum

Last month, Year 1 visited the National Maritime Museum to learn about water. The students enjoyed the workshop and exploring the naval ship. The students also enjoyed their free time at Darling Harbour Park and had a great day out with their peers and teachers.



### Year 2– Rouse Hill House

On Thursday 23 June, Year 2 went on excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm as part of their HSIE unit 'The Past in the Present'. The students had the opportunity to learn first hand about what school life was like in the late 19th century.

Some of the hands on activities that the students were involved in included practising writing on slates, completing a Science lesson, a sewing lesson and a drawing lesson as well as an outdoor physical education drill and maypole dancing in the yard.

The excursion provided a valuable learning experience of schools in the past and enabled students to make vivid comparisons between schooling then and now.



### Year 3– Australian Museum

In Term Two, Year 3 visited the Australian Museum as part of their Aboriginal studies. At the museum, the students took part in a study of artefacts and paintings from long ago in an endeavour to learn more about the Indigenous Australians. The students also had a chance to create a brilliant musical piece using Indigenous instruments and got involved in a corroboree. Together with their teachers, the students had their faces painted with natural ochre in true, traditional Aboriginal tribal style. A very fun and educational day was had by all.



**Year 4– Hop on, Hop Off Tour and Madame Tussauds**

On Thursday 16 June, Year 4 went on a fun-filled excursion to the city. When we arrived to the city, we got onto the Sydney Explorer Bus, which is a hop on, hop off tour bus. We were given earphones to plug into the commentary station by Kev the Kangaroo. Kev told us about the history of everything we saw.

On the tour bus we saw the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, Saint Mary’s Cathedral, and lots of other different attractions. Once we finished the tour, we had arrived to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.



Everything there was made out of wax and yet it looked so real! We saw different celebrities and took lots of photos. I even took a photo with the Queen! By the end of the excursion we were so tired, but it was a wonderful and exciting day. Thank you to Miss Chalhoub and Miss Stamos for organising such a great excursion!

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**Year 5– Sydney Observatory**

Last term Year 5 visited The Sydney Observatory which related to the Science unit ‘Space’. The students had the opportunity to use the solar telescope which enabled them to view the sun and the bright stars. Students watched 3D documentaries in the Observatory’s 3D Cinema. The documentaries showed an in depth study of the galaxy and all its contents. The students enjoyed themselves and gained a great amount of knowledge which they could relate to our ‘Space’ unit.



