



## June at a Glance

- Wednesday 1 June  
Futsal Competition
  - Friday 2 June  
Mufti Day
  - Thursday 3 June  
Debate with Trinity Prep
  - Tuesday 7 June  
- Year 3 Excursion
  - Wednesday 8 June  
School Photos
  - Monday 13 June  
**Queen's Birthday Holiday**  
NO SCHOOL
  - Tuesday 14 June  
- Year 1 Excursion
  - Wednesday 15 June  
I CAS Writing Competition
  - Tuesday 21 June  
P & T Interviews
  - Wednesday 22 June  
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  - Friday 24 June  
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Staff Development Day
  - Tuesday 19 July  
Students Commence
  - Tuesday 2 August  
I CAS English Competition

## **2017 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2017 are still open. If you are an existing parent and have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. Also if you have a relative or friend who is interested in enrolling in any grade, please ask them to contact the school Secretary, Ms Kiahidis.

## **School Fees**

The end of the financial year is quickly approaching. Parents are asked to finalise any outstanding school fees before the end of the term. Please do not leave the payment of fees to the last week of June.

## **Queen's Birthday - NO SCHOOL**

The School will be closed on Monday 13 June for the Queen's Birthday—Public holiday.

## **Primary School Photos**

On **Wednesday 8 June**, the students from K to Year 6 will have the opportunity to have their class and individual school photos taken. Family photos, including high school students, will take place on Wednesday 8 June during the lunch break. All students must wear their full winter uniform including their blazers. Students are not to wear their school jumpers for the photos. Please return the envelope provided by MSP Photography to the class teacher by Friday 3 June.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews K-6**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on **Tuesday 21 June** between 3:10pm and 7:00pm. A separate note has already been sent home for parents to request a suitable time to meet their children's teachers.

## **Sick Leave**

The School is required to record the reason for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or for another valid reason. The Act requires you to explain your child's absences within seven days of their occurrence. A note must be given to your child's class teacher stating the days absent and the reason for the absence. If a parent knows that their child will be away sick for more than 3 days, they are asked to notify the School by calling the Primary School Secretary.

## **Application for Special Leave**

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. The Education Act 1990, requires students to attend school whenever instruction is provided. Taking the family on holidays should be planned to coincide with the school holidays. If for some reason this cannot happen, parents must complete an 'Application for Extended Leave-Vacation/Travel' Form, asking for special leave. The application for leave must include the date of departure and the date of return. Any absences related to travel are now included as absences.

## **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.

### Futsal Competition

On **Wednesday 1 June 2016**, our Senior Girls and Boys Soccer Teams will be participating in the Futsal Schools Championship at the Bankstown Basketball Stadium organised by Football NSW. This is a great opportunity for our School to compete against a variety of other schools. The students that are selected will be required to be at School at 7:00am as the bus will leave 7:30am sharp and will return to School approximately 4:00pm. Students are required to wear their soccer jersey and school sports shorts. They are also required to bring their own packed recess, lunch, water bottle, shin pads and socks. Indoor soccer shoes are preferred, however normal sports shoes are allowed. We are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable event.

### Mufti Day

On Saturday 4 June, the Socceroos will take on the 2004 European Champions, Greece, in a blockbuster friendly game of football at ANA stadium. To show our support for both these teams, St Euphemia College will be participating in a Mufti Day on **Thursday 2 June**, where students have the opportunity to wear their soccer jerseys in support of the Socceroos or Greece. If students do not have a soccer jersey they may wear mufti clothing or any other football jersey they may have. Also on the day, year 6 will be fundraising for their graduation and will be selling lolly bags at recess.

### Writing and English Competition

The ICAS Writing Competition will be held on **Wednesday 15 June** and the ICAS English Competition on **Tuesday 2 August**. Students will only be able to sit for the assessment if they have already paid for entry into the ICAS Competitions scheduled throughout the year. If you wish for your child to take part in the English Competition please forward \$9 before 15 June.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now underway. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to read more and to read more widely. Students should now be returning their book logs to have their books added to their online challenge list. The challenge finishes in September, so there's plenty of time to begin if you haven't already.

### Debating News

The School Debating Team participated in their first debate for the year against Danebank in the IPSHA Debating Competition. The debate was hosted at our school and the topic was 'The city centre should be car free'. Each school presented cases for both the affirmative and negative sides, but St Euphemia College was able to come away winners of both debates with very convincing arguments. Both debates were stimulating and competitive. Well done to all the team members for competing and helping host this debate and to Ms Pappas for her coaching.

The next debate is against Trinity Prep School on **Thursday 3 June**. The topic of the debate is 'That water is our most precious resource in Australia'.

### Sport Bus / Transport Levy

The Term 3 bus levy of \$30 is due by **Friday 22 July**. Please ensure that the money is paid to the class teacher.

### End of Term 2—Friday 24 June

Term 2 concludes on **Friday 24 June**. Students will attend an end of Term Church service where they will receive Holy Communion. Happy and safe holidays to all!

## P and F News.....

### Mother's Day

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the P & F and other volunteers who helped with the Mother's Day stall. The excitement was evident on the children's faces as they pondered over what perfect gift to buy their mothers in order to show them just how much they love them.

## Excursions...

### Year 1—National Maritime Museum

On the 14 of June, Year 1 will be visiting the National Maritime Museum to participate in the "Splash" program. The program complements our Term 2 unit 'Water Works' where students are learning all about how we use water in our everyday lives. The cost of the excursion is \$30 payable to the class teacher by Monday 6 June. Students must be dressed in their winter sports uniform and bring a packed recess and lunch. The excursion will proceed as planned even in the event of wet weather.

### Year 2—Rouse Hill House

On Thursday 23 June, Year 2 will be visiting Rouse Hill House and Farm to learn about school life in the past. This excursion integrates with the HSIE unit being studied in class. Students will be transported by coach and will be required to wear their sports winter uniform including their school hat. The cost of this excursion is \$49 which is payable to the class teacher by Friday 12 June. In the event of wet weather the excursion will proceed.

### Year 3—Australian Museum

On Tuesday 7 June, Year 3 will be going on an excursion to the Australian Museum as part of their Indigenous studies for HSIE. The cost of the excursion is \$20 payable to the class teacher by Friday 3 June. Students are to wear their full school winter uniform and bring a packed recess, lunch, a water bottle and a hat. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will proceed as planned.

### Year 5—Sydney Observatory

On Wednesday 22 June, Year 5 will be going on an excursion to the Sydney Observatory. Linking to the Term 2 Science topic of The Universe and Solar System, students will journey through the solar system and beyond with an astronomy guide in the spectacular 3D Space Theatre. Day will turn into a clear, starlit night in the Sydney Planetarium, where students discover how to navigate by the stars. Then from the domes (weather permitting) ,observe the Sun in spectacular detail through filtered telescopes. A sundial is used to track the passage of time.

Students will need to be at school by 8:30am and will return to school by 3:10pm. Year 5 will travel to the venue by bus and need to bring their own packed recess and lunch, including their water bottle. Students must wear their winter school uniform including blazers and hats. The cost of the excursion is \$30, payable to the class teacher by Friday 10 June.

Please note that in the case of wet weather the excursion will proceed as planned.

## Last Month...

### Mother's Day High Tea

Thank you to the P and F committee for hosting the Mother's Day High Tea. The food and sweets were delicious and many mums and grandmothers walked away with some beautiful prizes. Well done ladies, it was a beautiful afternoon. We hope to see more of you there next time.



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### High School Open Night

The High School Open Night, put on by the High School last month was a huge success. Students and their parents were able to go on a guided tour of the school, speak to teachers and view samples of students' work. There was a very large turnout of students and parents both from within and outside the School. The High School teachers look forward to spending more time with the upcoming Year 7 students in the near future.

### Cooking Club

Our Monday afternoon co curricular cooking club has been a huge success. This term the students have made club sandwiches, fruit kebabs, trifle, pasta salad and chocolate mousse. The students have enjoyed preparing and eating these meals every week.

### Kindergarten Excursion

Last month, Kindergarten went to Calmsley Hill City farm. The students got up close to a range of native and farmyard animals. It was a wonderful day for Kindergarten who also got to enjoy the beautiful grounds, as well as the company of their teachers and friends.

“I enjoyed the tractor ride”. Renee Kritikos KA

“I liked milking the cow”. Thomas Papadam KA

“I saw a chick and a baby rabbit. I gave them a pat”. Margarita Soravia KB

“I went on a tractor ride with all of my friends. It was very bumpy”. Christopher James KB

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### Infants Athletics Carnival

Last month, K-2 had their Athletics Carnival. The students had a wonderful day participating in a great number of events. Thank you to the P & F for organising the delicious sausage sizzle.

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The results for the day were: 1st– Zeus, 2nd –Athena, 3rd– Apollo and 4th– Aphrodite. Thank you to all the parents who attended and assisted on the day.

**Year 6 Excursion– The Rocks**

On Thursday 12 May, Year 6 got the opportunity to go to the rocks for an excursion. The day arrived and we were all so excited. The teachers had to go through the normal procedure to make sure everyone was on the bus. We then got on the bus and were on our way. We were singing and jumping up and down which kind of gave the teachers a headache. After all that fun we finally got to our destination, the Rocks.

We were greeted at the gate by our friendly tour guide, she told us that we could have a recess break before we started. After about 20 minutes we then got to go inside and place our bags on the shelves which were provided so we didn't have to hold our bags all day. Then our tour guide showed us around and explained to us how people used to live hundreds of years ago.

We then went back inside and then the real fun began! So there was this big sand pit which was marked in sections A, B, C, D our tour guide put us in groups. There were already things in the sand that we had to dig up and find and whichever group found the most things were the winners. It was such a fun activity to have spent with our friends.

After that we went back into the classroom and on our group tables we were given old things that were from the olden days that were dug up. We had to write down what we thought the item was and where it must've been used. It was interesting to think where the items would have been used and why. Soon, it was time to say goodbye. It was a fun experience that year 6 will never forget.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

You are invited to attend our Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance which will be held on **Saturday 20 August 2016**, in the New School Hall, East Terrace, Bankstown at 7.00pm.

Our Guest of Honour, His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos will be present and both Primary and High School dance groups will perform on the night.

Dinner Dance tickets are available at the School office and have to be purchased before the evening. The cost is \$60.00 for adults and \$30.00 for students ages 5 – 12. A three course meal and drinks are included. Children under 5 years of age should not attend the Dinner Dance.

For bookings please contact Mrs Annette Perdikaris, Primary P&F President on 0415304584, or the office secretaries on 97968240.

**We remind those wishing to make a donation that all donations are tax deductible.** Parents and caregivers are reminded that a donation of \$2,000 or more to the Building Fund will free you from all future Building Fund fees.

All money raised will be used to refurbish the new School building, East Terrace, Bankstown.

Enjoy the evening and support our College by attending the Ball.

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