



February at a Glance

- Monday 8 February
Co-curricular Clubs Commence
- Wednesday 10 February
Primary Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 11 February
Year 2 Swimming Lessons
Commence
- Monday 15 February
Intensive Swimming Program
Commences (Years 3 & 5)

Parent/Teacher Meeting
-Kindergarten: 6pm
-Year 3: 6:30pm
-Year 6: 7pm
- Tuesday 16 February
Parent/Teacher Meeting
-Year 1: 6pm
-Year 4: 6:30pm
- Wednesday 17 February
Parent/Teacher Meeting
-Year 2: 6pm
-Year 5: 6:30pm
- Friday 19 February
Summer PSSA Commences
- Sunday 21 February
Church Attendance
- Years 5 & 6

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the President Peter Theo OAM, the Board of Directors and Governors, Mr Hirakis and all the staff, I welcome you all back to St Euphemia College for another successful and rewarding year.

It is great to see everyone revitalised and enthusiastic to commence the new school year.

To commence our new school year, we attended our first Church service and received a Holy Blessing—'Ayiasmos' by our Reverend Fathers, Father Panagiotis and Father Peter.

I look forward to an exciting year working with all our students again, in particular Kindergarten as they begin 'Big School' and our new Year 6 students as leaders of the Primary. I hope that with the new year, all our students achieve their goals in the academic, sporting and extra curricular arenas.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new students and their families who have joined St Euphemia College this year.

Wishing everyone a wonderful year ahead, full of new challenges and continued outstanding achievements!



HSC Results for 2015

The Year 12 class of 2015 achieved outstanding HSC results last year. They have all done us proud and we wish them every success with their future endeavours. Please visit the High School website for more information: www.steuphemia.nsw.edu.au

School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the School fees for Term 1, 2016. Please be mindful that fees must be paid prior to the commencement of each term. If you have not yet paid Term 1 fees, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

Kindergarten 2017 & Other Vacancies

Applications are now open for Kindergarten 2017. If you are an existing parent and have a child ready to start school next year, please ensure that you fill out an application form as soon as possible and return it to Ms Kiahidis in Reception. If you have any friends or relatives looking for a great school, our enrolment forms are available from the Front Office or online on our website. Children enrolling for Kindergarten 2017, must turn five years of age before 31 July 2017.

The School also has some vacancies in some of the other grades. If you have any friends, neighbours or relatives interested in enrolling their children, please ask them to contact the Primary Secretary for an Enrolment Form or download it from our website.

Personal Information Update

Any changes to important information such as telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical conditions etc, should be updated at the School Office as soon as possible.

Leaving Early

All Parents/Caregivers collecting students before dismissal time (3:10pm) for a doctor's appointment or due to illness, must complete and sign the 'Sign Out' book at the School Office. Parents/Caregivers are not permitted to come to the classrooms to collect their children. All parents/caregivers must wait in Reception for their child to meet them.

School Hours

We ask that parents/caregivers be mindful that the school playground is unsupervised before 8:15am and after 3:30pm. Parents are reminded that they are not to leave their children unattended in the playground before 8:15am or after 3:30pm.

School commences and finishes -

Years K-1: 8:35am-3:00pm

Years 2-6: 8:35am-3:10pm

School Premises Morning Procedures

Morning assembly and prayers commence straight after the morning bell at 8:30am everyday. A reminder to all parents who drop off their children in the school grounds in the morning that they need to farewell their children and exit the school premises before 8:30am. We ask that all parents respect and support our morning procedures.

As of Week 3 (Monday 8 February) the new morning procedure that was implemented last year will again take place. Parents/Caregivers are kindly asked to depart the school premises by 8:15am when the teachers come on duty and morning supervision commences. If arriving after 8:15am parents/caregivers are to drop off their children at the school gate where there is a teacher always present. This new procedure is to aid in the safe monitoring and supervision of all students. The procedure ran very smoothly last year and worked well. I thank all parents/caregivers for adhering to our morning procedure.

Prefect Body for 2016

With the beginning of a new school year comes the official start of duties for our 2016 Prefect Body. The students in the Prefect Body for this year are:

	BOYS	GIRLS
Captain	Kostantinos Perdikaris	Anastasia Lamprinos
Vice Captain	Leon Gravaris	Anastacia Kyriakidis
Prefect	Harrison Panagopoulos	Chrissy Griffith
Prefect	James Papathanasiou	Eleni Janes
Prefect	Alexander Saroussidis	Elena Kaldis
Prefect	Thomas Zamagias	Styliani Koliris
Prefect	Billy Tzirtzilakis	Leah Mihalopoulos

School Diary

The 2016 St Euphemia Primary School Diary is now available at a cost of \$15. This diary not only allows students to write down their homework, social and sporting commitments, but it also is filled with all the important school dates and events which will take place in the 2015 School year. Students must pay this amount to their class teacher by Friday 5 February.

School Book Covers

Exercise books are **not** to be contacted. Students in Years 3-6 need to purchase plastic covers to protect their exercise books. These can be purchased from their class teachers at a cost of \$15 for ten covers. These covers will last the students the entire year as they can be reused once the existing book is finished.

Master Permission Note

A master permission note will be sent home to all students K-6 on the first day of school. Please sign and return this note as soon as possible.

Co-curricular Classes

Our fantastic Co-curricular Program for Years 3-6 will begin again in week 3 (Mon 8 February) . A separate note has been handed out for students interested in attending these clubs. Notes must be returned by Thursday 4 February. Remember, there are only limited spaces in each class and a guarantee of enrolment cannot be given. Please return your notes ASAP.

The classes are as follows:

Zumba Dance Club 3:15 - 4:00pm	Ms Poulos (Maximum 20 Students)
Art/Craft Club 3:15 - 4:00pm	Ms Ms Hantes (Maximum 20 Students)

Parent/Teacher Information Session

All Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Introductory Parents and Teachers Meeting which is held every year at the beginning of Term 1. This year the meeting will be held over three days to help accommodate parents who have children in different grades. This will give them the opportunity to attend each grade meeting and not miss out on any important information.

Attendance at this meeting is important and it gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet their child's classroom teacher. It also gives parents and caregivers a chance to become familiar with the content that will be covered throughout the year, behavioural and social expectations of the teacher and also to become familiar with the policies and procedures of the School.

A reminder that this meeting is not to discuss individual children's progress. It is a general meeting to discuss the items outlined above. The opportunity to discuss individual children's progress will occur at the end of Term 1 during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Alternatively, an earlier time can be organised with your child's classroom teacher on request.

The Information Sessions are as follows:

Monday 15 February

Kindergarten: 6pm

Year 3: 6:30pm

Year 6: 7pm

Tuesday 16 February

Year 1: 6pm

Year 4: 6:30pm

Wednesday 17 February

Year 2: 6pm

Year 5: 6:30pm

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Church Attendance

Church attendance is part of the School's religious education program and all students are expected to attend. Any absences from Church will be recorded on the School reports.

Students must wear their summer school uniform and assemble in the foyer of the Church hall by 10:00am. Students attending Church with their siblings must inform their class teacher. Church attendance for February is scheduled on the following dates:

Sunday 21 February: Years 5 & 6

Greek Dancing

We are very pleased and thankful to have Paroula Thurban as the School's Greek Dancing teacher. Ms Paroula did an amazing job with the dancing groups in 2015 and will continue to do so this year, incorporating dance, drama and the Greek language to inspire students to learn how to dance.

Kindergarten to Year 6 will have Greek dancing incorporated into their daily timetable as indicated at a cost of \$50 a term.

Kindergarten to Year 6 students must place their money in an envelope with their name clearly labelled on the front and hand in to the class teachers.

Grade	Dance Lesson Times
Kindergarten	Mondays 11:00am—11:55am
Year 1	Mondays 11:55am—12:45pm
Year 2	Mondays 9:35am—10:30am
Year 3	Tuesdays 8:40am—9:35am
Year 4	Tuesdays 9:35am—10:30am
Year 5	Tuesdays 11:00am—11:55am
Year 6	Tuesdays 11:55am—12:45pm

Sport News.....

Sport/Bus Transport Levy

The bus levy for Term 1 sport for all students in Years 3-6 must be paid to the class teacher by Friday 12 February, 2016. The cost is \$30.

Sport Days

Sports Day for the Infants is on Thursdays and for the Primary students on Fridays. On these days, students are to come to School in their sport uniform and ensure that they have their School hat and a water bottle.

PSSA Competition

St Euphemia College participates in the Bankstown PSSA Interschool Sport Competition held on Friday afternoons. During summer, we will field the following teams:

Junior/Senior Boys Cricket—Ms Pozoglou
 Junior Boys and Girls Basketball— Mr Nicodemou
 Senior Boys and Girls Basketball— Ms Diamant
 Boys T-ball and Softball— Ms Vourtsanis
 Girls T-ball and Softball— Ms Yiorkas

The Summer Sports team tryouts will take place on Friday 29 January and Friday 5 February. After tryouts, the students will be informed if they have been selected for the above mentioned teams. It is important to remember that Winter Sport will be just around the corner and there will be another opportunity to represent the School in a winter PSSA team. Round 1 of PSSA begins on Friday 19 February. Please note the following training schedule will commence in Week 4, starting Wednesday 17 February.

Wednesdays – Junior Basketball in the School playground. Concludes at 4:15pm.

Thursdays – Senior Basketball in the School playground. Concludes at 4:15pm.

Thursdays – T-Ball, Softball and Cricket— Bankstown Sports Complex (High Street Bankstown). Concludes at 4pm.

All students are reminded to have an extra bottle of water for training sessions. School hats must also be worn while training.

A reminder that parents must collect their children from the respective training sessions promptly and are not to leave siblings unattended at School during training times. Unattended siblings are not the responsibility of the coaches.

Year 2 Swimming

As part of Sport for Term 1, Year 2 students take part in a Swimming Program. Swimming lessons will be held at Roselands Aquatic Centre on the following Thursdays – 11 February, 18 February, 25 February, 3 March, 10 March, 24 March, 31 March and 7 April. Please note there will be no swimming lesson on 17 March.

The cost of the Swimming Program is \$160 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Wednesday 10 February.

Year 3 and 5 Intensive Swimming Program

Years 3 and 5 will participate in the 'Schools Learn to Swim Program' at Roselands Aquatic Pool. This is an eight week swimming program. Swimming lessons will take place on the following days starting from Monday 15 February, Tuesday 16 February, Wednesday 17 February, Thursday 18 February, Monday 22 February, Tuesday 23 February, Wednesday 24 February, and concluding on Thursday 25 February.

All students will be assessed on the first day and graded according to their ability. Colour coded caps will be provided and must be worn during each lesson. The cost of the Swimming Program is \$160 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Friday 12 February.

Primary Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 10 February, the St Euphemia Primary School Swimming Carnival will be held at Revesby Swimming Centre, Marco Ave, Revesby.

Students will need to be at School by 8:30am to ensure that their names are marked off the class rolls before boarding the buses. The total cost for the bus and entry into the pool is \$13 which must be paid to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Students must apply a 30+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen to exposed skin before coming to School and reapply it as directed by the manufacturer throughout the day. Students also need to bring a hat, towel, their lunch and a bottle of water.

The canteen will be available for the purchase of snacks, drinks and lunches.

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as spectators, paying an entry fee.

We would appreciate some assistance from parents with timekeeping on the day. If you are able to help please see Ms Vourtsanis before the carnival day.

All students will be placed in House colours. The House colours are as follows:

Apollo—blue, Aphrodite—green, Athena – yellow and Zeus – red. Students may either wear their School sports top or a shirt representing their House.

IPSHA Swimming Carnival

The 2016 IPSHA Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 2 March at the Homebush Aquatic Centre. The carnival will run between 8:00am–3:00pm. Parents are welcome to come and cheer our students on. A note will be given to those students who will be representing our school on the day closer to the date.

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students.....

Our newest and youngest students have settled into 'big school' very well. There were plenty of smiles on the first day and unfortunately a few tears, even from the parents. Overall it was a lovely first day for our newest Kindergarten students. Rest assured that the students will settle into the School routine quite quickly.

Starting from Thursday 1 February and until Friday 12 February, the Kindergarten students will finish school at 2:30pm. Parents must pick their children up from the Kindergarten classroom located on the first floor. After Friday 12 February, the students will be dismissed at 3:00pm in the main quadrangle.

Welcome to KA!



Welcome to KB!



Ms Xanthoudakis
Director of Junior School