



September at a Glance

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NO SCHOOL
- **Wednesday 21 Sept**
 - Primary Sport Photos
- **Thursday 22 September**
 - Last Day of Term 3
 - Holy Communion K-6
- **Friday 23 September**
 - Staff Development Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- **Monday 10 October**
 - Beginning of Term 4
Students begin.

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.

School Fees

A reminder that School fees must be paid prior to the commencement of each term. If there are any parents who have not yet paid, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents who are up to date with their payments.

Bus Levy

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the Bus Levy for Term 3. If you have not paid yet, please do so urgently. The amount payable is \$30.

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

To celebrate Father's Day, St Euphemia College is hosting a sausage sizzle for our Fathers and Grandfathers. This will take place on **Thursday 1 September** between 7-8am. The cost is \$5. If anyone would like to volunteer please call the School Office.

St Euphemia Day—Friday 16 September

This year, St Euphemia Day falls on a Friday and as such there will be NO SCHOOL on this day. Instead parents and students are encouraged to attend church service at our parish church.

Arrival Times and Dismissal Times

Class teachers would appreciate it if all students are in lines by 8:30am. Lately, we seem to have an endless stream of students arriving well after lessons have commenced. As you can understand, this disrupts the class routine and impacts on the learning of all the students in the class. A reminder also that supervision after school concludes at 3:30pm. As a result, all students should be picked up before this time. In the event that parents and caregivers are running late, the School Office should be notified so students can remain in Reception until they are personally picked up by an adult. The School Office closes at 4:00pm. Parents are also reminded that the playground equipment is out of bounds before and after School.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be open during the Term 3 holidays on Thursday 6 October from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

Sports Photos

On **Wednesday 21 September** students will be taking their annual sport photos. These photos will include all PSSA Summer and Winter Competition teams and IPSHA/Combined Orthodox Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. All students who participated in any of these sporting teams need to come to school in their sports uniform on the day (basketball and soccer teams will also need to wear their jerseys).

Conclusion of Term 3 and K-6 Liturgy/Holy Communion

Term 3 concludes for the Primary School on **Thursday 22 September**. Also on this day, Years K-6 will be attending a Church Liturgy in the morning. The students will have the opportunity to take Holy Communion on the day. Please prepare your children accordingly.

Staff Development Day

On **Friday 23 September** there will be a staff development day and as such there will be **NO SCHOOL**. Teachers will be taking part in a First Aid refresher course.

Beginning of Term 4

Term 4 for the students begins on **Monday 10 October**. Students are to come back to School wearing their summer uniform.

Sport News.....

PSSA Summer Sport Competition

The PSSA Summer Competition will resume on Friday 9 September and continue on Friday 16 September. Training will resume in Week 8 and continue in Week 9 also.

Please note that there is no game or training during Week 10 of Term 3. Games and training will resume again in Term 4.

During Week 9, St Euphemia Day falls on Friday 16 September. Students who are in a summer sport teams will need to make their own way, with their parents, to the respective venues to compete.

The training schedule is as follows:

Jnr Girls/Boys Basketball— Mr Nicodemou (Wednesday 7 & 14 September in the School playground until 4:15pm)

Snr Boys/Girls Basketball B—Ms Chalhoub (Thursday 8 & 15 September in the School playground until 4:15pm)

Snr Boys/Girls Basketball A—Ms Gallo (Thursday 8 & 15 September in the School playground until 4:15pm)

Junior Cricket—Ms Pozoglou (Thursday 8 & 15 September at Bankstown Sports Complex until 4:00pm)

Boys T-Ball/Softball—Ms Vourtsanis (Thursday 8 & 15 September at Bankstown Sports Complex until 4:00pm)

Girls T-Ball/Softball—Ms Yiorkas (Thursday 8 & 15 September at Bankstown Sports Complex until 4:00pm)

A reminder to parents to please pick up their children from their respective training sessions promptly either from the park at 4:00pm or from school at 4:15pm. Parents are reminded not to leave siblings unattended at School during training.

Combined Athletics Carnival

This year the Greek Orthodox Combined Carnival will be hosted by St Spyridon College and will be held on **Monday 5 September** at E.S Marks Field-Boronia Street, Kensington. The carnival begins at 9:00am, **students need to be at school for a 7:30am** departure and concludes at approximately 2:30pm. The students will return to School by 3:10pm. Parents are welcome to attend and support our School.

Year 6 Photos

Due to the absence of quite a few students on their photo day, 6A will be retaking their class photo on Thursday 1 September. Students need to be in their full school uniform and must wear their blazers. Unfortunately if anyone is absent on that day, the photos will have to go ahead.

Also on this day, the Prefect Body will have their School Leadership Photo taken. Please ensure the students are in complete winter uniform.

Excursions & Incursions.....

Kindergarten

On **Tuesday 20 September**, Kindergarten will be attending an excursion to the Seymour Centre to watch the production 'The Gruffalo'. This is to supplement our English Unit 'Imaginary People and Things'. The cost of the excursion is \$50. Please put the money in a sealed envelope with the child's name on the front and hand it to your child's class teacher by Thursday 15 September 2016. Students will need to bring their own packed recess, lunch and water bottle. (No nut products). Students are to wear their winter school uniform including their sport hat. Please note that in the event of wet weather, the excursion will proceed as planned. Kindergarten will be departing school at 10:30am and return by 3pm.

Year 1

On **Tuesday 13 September**, Year 1 will be visiting Wildlife Sydney Zoo Darling Harbour. The excursion will complement the English unit we have been focusing on this Term—'Pets and Animals'. The cost of the excursion is \$35 and students are to wear their winter sports uniform. In case of wet weather, the excursion will proceed as planned.

Year 2

On **Wednesday 21 September**, Year 2 will be visiting Taronga Zoo. The cost of the excursion is \$37 payable to the class teacher by Thursday 15 September. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, including a water bottle. They are to wear their sports uniform including their hat. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will be cancelled.

K-2 Pet Incursion

On **Thursday 1 September**, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in a Pet education program. The Responsible Pet Ownership Program educates children on living safely with dogs and responsible pet ownership. The incursion is free to all students in K-2 and will run through three separate sessions on the day. If you have an queries in regards to this program please see your child's class teacher.

Year 3

On **Wednesday 7 September**, Year 3 will be visiting the Royal National Park at Audley as part of their HSIE unit, 'State and National Parks'. The cost of the excursion is \$35 payable to the class teacher. Students are to wear their winter sports uniform with their hat and bring a packed recess, lunch and water bottle. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will be cancelled.

Year 4

On **Wednesday 7 September**, Year 4 will be visiting Cockatoo Island. The cost of the excursion is \$35, payable to the class teacher by Friday 2 September. Students need to be at school by 8:00am for an 8:15am departure. They are to wear their winter sports uniform, including a hat. Students must bring their own packed lunch and water. In the event of wet weather, the excursion will proceed as planned.

Greek Incursion Years 5 & 6

On Wednesday 7 September, students in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to view a drama production from the theatrical Greek company **Hippo Theatre Group** in our school hall. The show is called 'Ένα Ταξίδι Αλλιώς'. It is a Greek comedy based on the ideal of respectful relationships. Following the performance, a Drama workshop will be conducted in English. The cost of the incursion is \$10 per student payable to the class teacher by Friday 2 September.

Year 5

Year 5 students will have the unique opportunity to visit Mogo Historical Goldfields and Mogo Zoo on Wednesday 14 September to Thursday 15 September 2016. The excursion is an important component of the HSIE unit on 'Gold' and the science unit on 'Adaptations'. Students will be staying at the Original Gold Rush Colony Accommodation and will be taking part in the following activities:

- * Gold History Tour
- * Gold Panning Tour
- * Life on the Goldfields Tour
- * Koori Culture Stories program
- * Mogo Zoo
- * Kiama Blowhole sight seeing

Year 5 will be departing on Wednesday 14 September at 7.00am sharp. Students must arrive at school at 6.45am. Year 5 will be returning on Thursday 15 September at approximately 6.00pm, depending on traffic conditions. Students must wear warm casual clothing on the day of departure and are required to bring their full sports uniform with them.

Please Note: No mobile phones or electronic devices are permitted. Please call the school hotline for regular updates and estimated arrival time. (Tel: 82300246)

Year 6

On Monday 12 September, Year 6 will be going on their annual three day camp to the nation's capital, Canberra. This excursion is an important component of the Science and Technology and the Human Society and Its Environment Key Learning Areas.

Students must arrive at school on the departure date by 7:00am, ready to depart by 7.30am. Students will return back to school on Wednesday 14 September at approximately 5:00pm, depending on traffic conditions.

An outline of clothes, toiletries and equipment needed has already been given to the students on a separate note which has been sent home.

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LAST MONTH.....

Alpha Shows– The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Alpha Shows once again put on an amazing show. Their adaptation of The Hunchback of Notre Dame was a fantastic full theatrical performance. It was funny, sad and beautiful, all rolled into one spectacular show. The students and teachers just loved the enthusiasm and humour of the actors and we can't wait to see what they have install for us next year.



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St Euphemia Fundraising Dance

The St Euphemia Fundraising Dance was held on Saturday 20 August in the New School Hall and all we can say is –what a night! The fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you to all those families, businesses and members of our community for your kind donations to our School. We would also like to congratulate our Greek Dancing groups who, along with Ms Paroula and Ms Nicole, entertained everyone on the night with a variety of dances. A big thank you to our P and F committee members who put a lot of hard work into preparing and running the evening.



K & 6 Buddy Activity

Last month our Kindergarten and Year 6 students enjoyed an afternoon doing art together. The buddies enjoyed making an imaginary creature using colourful 2D shapes. The creations were truly artistic masterpieces! Kindergarten and Year 6 are looking forward to many more fun activities together.



Mini-Olympics

On Thursday 18 August students participated in a Mini Olympics Day. Each class was allocated a country to represent. They wore the colours of their respective countries and shared interesting facts about their countries. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of relay games throughout the day.

Together as a School, the students were united in a fun filled day, displaying tremendous sportsmanship and teamwork. Even the teachers got in on the action and played against the Year 6 students in a variety of relays.

A big thank you to the members of the P & F Committee for their hard work on the day, providing the students with a sausage sizzle lunch and to Ms Vourtsanis and Ms Brazil for organising such an exciting day for our students.

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Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser for the Children's Medical Research Institute. Every year St Euphemia College organises a fun and easy way for students to get involved in fundraising. On Friday 7 August, students and teachers wore jeans to School and made a gold coin donation. All the money raised has now gone towards the work of the scientists at the Children's Medical Research Institute. These scientists work to try and prevent diseases such as leukaemia or where that is not possible, to develop better treatments. Thank you to all the students and teachers who made a donation.

Book Week Monday 22 – Friday 26 August

We held our annual Book Week events during Week 6 this term. Students were given the opportunity to purchase wonderful reading material, from a great selection of books at our 'Australia! Story Country' themed Book Fair. I would like to thank all the parents and students who took the time to visit our Book Fair and purchase books. A special thanks to Mrs Tsekenis who donated books to our library.

Students also enjoyed the chance to dress up as their favourite book character on Tuesday 23 August and many were in awe at the teachers' efforts in dressing up. They were fair dinkum, true blue legends!

On Wednesday 24 August, the lovely author Louise Park visited our School to share her wealth of knowledge on books and writing expertise with the students.

On Thursday 25 August, students participated in our Annual Art Competition. The students produced some challenging artworks and put their drawing skills to the test. Some amazing art pieces were produced in every grade. The results of the winning students will be announced in the next newsletter.

As you can see, the School has organised many activities this term. I would like to thank all the parents and friends who have supported us in any way during the term.
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