

St Euphemia High School Newsletter

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Mission Statement

“ That within a dynamic Orthodox, Christian framework, a student may strive to achieve academic excellence, a love of learning, social responsibility, spiritual growth and respect for a healthy mind and body. ”

Strive for Excellence.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Half Yearly Examinations

Years 9 and 10 will be sitting for their Half Yearly Examinations on Monday, 30 May till Friday, 3 June 2016

We wish all students good luck!

Queen's Birthday

Monday, 13 June is the Queen's birthday and a public holiday. There will be no school on this day.

Holy Communion

On Wednesday, 22 June, all students will attend church in the morning, where they will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. Students are encouraged to be adequately prepared.

End of Term 2

Term two ends on Friday, 24 June. School resumes on Tuesday, 19 July, following week one of the timetable cycle. We wish all students a safe and happy holiday!

School Photos

The High School student photos will take place on Thursday, 9 June and Friday, 10 June.

All students are expected to be well groomed and wearing their winter school uniform. Girls must have their hair tied back and boys are expected to be clean shaven. Every student must be wearing a blazer.

Year 11 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents/Caregivers of Year 11 students are invited to attend the Parent/Teacher Evening interviews that will be held on Wednesday, 22 June 2016.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet their children's teachers and discuss their progress. Students will receive a booking sheet and are required to book appointments with their teachers.

Term 3

Athletics Carnival

The School Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday, 21 July.

Keep fit on the holidays and good luck to all the competitors.

Church Attendance

Years 11 and 12: Sunday, 24 July: 9 30 am.

Trial HSC Examinations

The Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations begin on Monday, 1 August and they conclude on Monday 15 August. We wish all Year 12 students good luck!



Years 7 & 8 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents/Caregivers of Years 7 & 8 students are invited to attend the Parent/Teacher Evening interviews that will be held on Thursday, 28 July 2016.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet their children's teachers and discuss their progress. Students will receive a booking sheet and are required to book appointments with their teachers.

Bankstown Youth Writing Competition

Bankstown City Council runs a creative writing competition every year, with a variety of prizes and scholarships to be won. This year, 85 students from the Bankstown region, entered their short stories and poems.

Congratulations to **Angeliki Georgakopoulou** of Year 8 for being a finalist and winning third place! Her story 'It starts with us' about the experiences of refugees reaching the coast of Greece was poignant and very moving.

Her story was published in a book and can also be read online at <http://sweatshop.ws/publications/>

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL SCHOOLS EVENT 2016

This year, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia National Schools Event (GOOANSE) was hosted by St Andrew's College in Perth. It was an outstanding tournament, where 36 students from St Euphemia College competed in 10 sporting events against students from the 7 Greek Orthodox Schools across Australia.

The carnival took place from Tuesday, 3 May to Thursday, 5 May. Such a significant event required months of planning and monumental effort by staff and students. It would be impossible to list all the highlights but there are a few that definitely need special mention.

Our Girls Indoor Soccer team finished champions. What an amazing result for the students and coaches. Over the last few months, this team put in so much effort in preparation. During the competition, the girls played with enthusiasm and heart, in great spirit. Congratulations to the girls and to the coach, Mr Xanthoudakis.

The other teams performed exceptionally well also. The Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball and Boys Table Tennis teams just missed out on the trophy, finishing in second place. The Boys Indoor Soccer, Girls Netball and Girls Basketball teams finished third. These are phenomenal achievements and in some cases, the results were very close, where our teams finished on equal points with first place, however, only missed out on the trophy due to for and against differential. Out of the 10 events in which we competed, we were placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in seven of them. This is an outstanding achievement, one in which the School is very proud of.

In addition to the sporting events, some of our students participated in a Performing Arts exhibition, in which they completed a speech and 2 traditional Greek dances. Congratulations to Kosta Plegas (speech) and Laura Apostolou, Athanasia Lafogianni, Maria Kolivra and Holly Kazanzidis (dancers) for representing St Euphemia College so proudly. Your performance was exceptional, all people present will remember it forever.

I am extremely grateful to Ms Papastamatis, Mr Theodoulou, Mr Vardouniotis and Mr Xanthoudakis for their tireless efforts, leading up to and during the competition. The work put in by these staff members is monumental and words cannot describe the significance of their input. Not only did they spend countless hours preparing for the event, they spent five days away from their families and classes at school. I sincerely thank you for your contribution.

Next year, the carnival will be hosted by All Saints Grammar, here in Sydney. If you would like any further information, don't hesitate to let me know.

Mr Verghios
Faculty Coordinator, Sport





SPORTS REPORT

Krystian Papadopoulos (Year 10) represented St Euphemia College and our SWISSA region in the AICES Touch Football Championships at Penrith Touch Fields. Krystian performed outstandingly well and has now been selected in the AICES Opens Touch Football team to compete in the CIS competition 31 May 2016.

Only 12 students were selected, from all AICES schools in NSW. Another phenomenal achievement for one of our students and it was an excellent example for our Open Night yesterday.

On Saturday, 21 May through to Monday, 23 May 2016, Christian Sgouros (Year 9) attended the CIS Rugby League 15 Years & Under Camp held at Narrabeen.

The purpose of this camp was to select a CIS team to compete at the 15 Years & Under National Schoolboys Rugby League Championships at Port Macquarie on Sunday, 26 June 2016 through to Friday, 01 July 2016.

Christian was successful in making the CIS team as a second row forward. This achievement is outstanding as he will now be competing in a national competition. In preparation for this event, Christian and his CIS team will compete against Manly and Parramatta (Parramatta are current Harold Mathews Champions i.e. U16's champions in the NRL).

This amazing achievement has only been accomplished in the past by one other student, Christian's older brother Cameron, who was always an excellent sport advocate and leader in our school community.

Mr Verghios
Faculty Coordinator, Sport

MOVIES:

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2

Last term on Thursday 31 March, Year 8 as part of the Pastoral Care Program had the opportunity to walk to Bankstown Hoyts Cinemas. We all had a great time watching the movie 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2.' The teachers were amazed at how well we had stocked up on food, sweets and drinks.

Having some time out and enjoying a movie with fellow students and teachers was fun. It was a movie that we could all relate to culturally and it was a great comedy. We had a good time with plenty of laughs and great memories.

Thank you to Ms Papastamatis, our Pastoral Care Coordinator and Ms Chronopoulos and Mr Vardouniotis who accompanied us on the day.

Katerina Iosifidis
Year 8



ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ

ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟ ΤΡΙΜΗΝΟ

Εξετάσεις Πρώτου Εξαμήνου

Οι εξετάσεις της Γ΄ Γυμνασίου και της Α΄ Λυκείου θα διεξαχθούν από τη Δευτέρα 30 Μαΐου έως την Παρασκευή 3 Ιουνίου 2016.

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους τους μαθητές μας Καλή Επιτυχία.

Σχολικές Φωτογραφίες

Οι σχολικές φωτογραφίες έχουν προγραμματιστεί για την Πέμπτη 9 και την Παρασκευή 10 Ιουνίου. Όλοι οι μαθητές πρέπει να φορέσουν τη χειμερινή σχολική στολή τους. Είναι υποχρεωτικό οι μαθητές να φορέσουν το σακάκι τους και τη γραβάτα τους. Οι κοπέλες θα πρέπει να έχουν τα μαλλιά τους δεμένα πίσω και τα αγόρια να είναι ξυρισμένα.

Αργία

Τη Δευτέρα 13 Ιουνίου έχουμε αργία λόγω των γενεθλίων της Βασίλισσας. Επομένως το σχολείο θα είναι κλειστό.

Συνεντεύξεις Γονέων/Κηδεμόνων – Καθηγητών

Οι συνεντεύξεις Γονέων/Κηδεμόνων-Καθηγητών για τους μαθητές της Β΄ Λυκείου έχουν προγραμματιστεί για την Τετάρτη 22 Ιουνίου 2016.

Αυτή η βραδιά είναι μια πολύ καλή ευκαιρία για τους γονείς/κηδεμόνες να γνωρίσουν τους καθηγητές και να συζητήσουν μαζί τους την πρόοδο των παιδιών τους.

Οι μαθητές παρακαλούνται να κλείσουν ραντεβού με τους καθηγητές τους εκ των προτέρων.

Θεία Κοινωνία

Την Τετάρτη, 22 Ιουνίου έχουμε εκκλησιασμό για όλους τους μαθητές. Οι μαθητές θα έχουν την ευκαιρία να λάβουν την Θεία Κοινωνία αν έχουν προετοιμαστεί κατάλληλα.

Τέλος Τριμήνου

Το δεύτερο τρίμηνο τελειώνει την Παρασκευή 24 Ιουνίου. Το τρίτο τρίμηνο αρχίζει την Τρίτη 19 Ιουλίου, ακολουθώντας το πρόγραμμα της δεύτερης εβδομάδας (Week 2 Timetable).

Ευχόμαστε καλές διακοπές σε όλους.

ΤΡΙΤΟ ΤΡΙΜΗΝΟ

Αθλητικοί Αγώνες

Οι ετήσιοι Αθλητικοί Αγώνες θα διεξαχθούν την Πέμπτη 21 Ιουλίου. Καλή επιτυχία σε όσους θα λάβουν μέρος στους αγώνες.

Συνεντεύξεις Γονέων/Κηδεμόνων-Καθηγητών Α' και Β' Γυμνασίου

Οι συνεντεύξεις Γονέων/Κηδεμόνων-Καθηγητών για τους μαθητές της Α' και Β' Γυμνασίου έχουν προγραμματιστεί για την Πέμπτη 28 Ιουλίου, 2016.

Αυτή η βραδιά είναι μια πολύ καλή ευκαιρία για τους γονείς/κηδεμόνες να γνωρίσουν τους καθηγητές και να συζητήσουν μαζί τους την πρόοδο των παιδιών τους. Οι μαθητές παρακαλούνται να κλείσουν ραντεβού με τους καθηγητές τους εκ των προτέρων.

Δοκιμαστικές Εξετάσεις του HSC

Οι μαθητές της Γ' Λυκείου θα περάσουν τις χειμερινές διακοπές τους μελετώντας για τις Δοκιμαστικές Εξετάσεις του HSC.

Οι εξετάσεις θα διεξαχθούν από τη Δευτέρα 1 Αυγούστου μέχρι την Παρασκευή 15 Αυγούστου. Ευχόμαστε σε όλους τους μαθητές καλή επιτυχία.

Εκκλησιασμός

Ο υποχρεωτικός εκκλησιασμός είναι ως εξής:

Β' - Γ' Λυκείου Κυριακή, 24 Ιουλίου και ώρα 9.30μ.μ.

Χ. Χειράκης
Διευθυντής