



# St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7

## Principal's Report



*This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:21).*

This week's reading at Service was the parable of the Rich Fool. Through this story, Jesus conveyed the message that life is not about the accumulation of possessions and wealth. The rich man's fate at the end highlights the importance giving to others and prioritising our relationship with God, rather than being consumed by selfish desires.

Last week, the Secondary School Captains and I were invited to share morning tea with The Hon. Jihad Dib, MP. Angelina Miltiadou and Lachlan Mansour had the opportunity to interact with School Captains from a vast number of schools in the Bankstown area. Mr Dib spent time with the Captains and spoke with them about servant leadership. Mr Dib described servant leadership as a leadership style that prioritises the well-being of the group over the leader's own interests. He highlighted qualities such as humility, selflessness and compassion as essential traits of a good leader. It was a morning that left our own Captains thinking about initiatives for 2024 that would be of benefit to the entire College community. I look forward to working alongside these leaders in 2024 and helping them achieve their goals.

### **St Euphemia College Scholarships**

The review of the Scholarship Policy has been completed, and it will soon be accessible on our College website. In 2024, scholarships will be open to incoming 2025 Year 7 and Year 11 students, with eligibility determined through an independent assessment and interview with the Principal at the College.

The application period is set to commence at the start of Term 1 in 2024. Additional details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Penny Pachos

## Upcoming Events

**27 November**

Staff Development Day  
High School Only

**29 November**

Christmas Carols

**30 November**

Year 6  
Graduation Dinner



## Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

As we reflect on the past week, we are filled with pride and joy at the remarkable achievements and milestones our students have reached. From graduations to sporting successes, it has been a week of celebration and shared accomplishments.

The halls of St Euphemia were adorned with smiles, laughter and a touch of nostalgia as we celebrated the graduation of our Prep classes. It was a heartwarming ceremony that marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for our young learners. The children dazzled us with their enthusiasm, talents and the growth they have displayed throughout the year. Congratulations to our Prep graduates! Your achievements are a testament to your hard work and the support of your dedicated teachers and families.

In the realm of sports, our school teams have been making waves as they advance to the semi-finals. The dedication and skill demonstrated by our athletes are truly commendable. From the basketball courts to the softball fields, our teams have shown incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. As we eagerly await the outcome of the semi-finals, we extend our cheers and best wishes to our talented athletes. Your achievements reflect the spirit of determination and excellence that defines St Euphemia College.

Looking ahead to next week, we have some exciting events lined up that promise to add more joy and enrichment to our school community. Among them, the Christmas Carols and the Year 6 Graduation.

### **Purchase of New iPads**

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best educational resources for our students, I am happy to announce that our school has recently acquired 25 brand new Apple iPads!

The iPads will be used primarily during ICT (Information and Communication Technology) lessons, allowing students to engage with the latest educational apps and software. This hands-on experience will not only make learning more interactive but also empower our students with valuable digital skills that are increasingly essential in today's world. Beyond ICT lessons, these iPads will serve as powerful research tools for students across various subjects. The vast array of educational apps available will aid them in conducting in-depth research and accessing a wealth of information at their fingertips.

### **Professional Learning – Spellex**

Our educators attended an insightful and enriching professional development session dedicated to enhancing our literacy curriculum for Year 3. The focus was building upon the strengths of IntiaLit, which we adopted throughout our Prep - Year 2 classes this year and implementing the new Spellex 3 to further support our students' reading and spelling skills. The funds from our Fun Run helped fund some of the resources that we purchased to implement this valuable program.





## Prep Graduation

I am overjoyed to share the incredible success of our recent Prep Graduation ceremony! It was a morning filled with laughter, joy and proud moments as we celebrated the remarkable journey our little ones have had in their first year at St Euphemia College.

Our students showcased their talents with heartwarming singing and delightful dancing that left our parents beaming with pride.

A heartfelt thank you to Miss Katerina, Miss Pamela and Ms Loukia for their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication throughout the year. Their passion for education, creativity in the classroom and genuine care for our little ones have not gone unnoticed. Their ability to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment is truly commendable and the impact of your hard work is evident in the growth and achievements of our students.



## Kindergarten Excursion

On Monday 20 November, Kindergarten visited Sydney Sea Life Aquarium and Wildlife World. It was a day filled with excitement, wonder and the joy of discovery, as our little explorers marvelled at the incredible animal life on display.

The students enjoyed walking through the various exhibits and were captivated by the movements of the sea creatures in the Aquarium.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the Shark Walk, where the students stood in awe beneath the breathtaking tunnel surrounded by sharks and other mesmerising sea life.

I want to express my gratitude to the parents who supported us by coming along to help on the day.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis





## School Captain's Morning Tea

### Secondary School Events

27 November -  
1 December  
Year 10

Work Experience

Beginning  
27 November  
Year 11 & 12

Hospitality Placements

28 November  
SWISSA Table Tennis  
Gala Day

1 December  
Year 9  
Entertainment Park



On Friday 17 November, Lachlan and I had the pleasure of meeting The Hon. Jihad Dib MP at a School Captain's morning tea at his Bankstown Electorate Office.

The visit allowed us to meet other school leaders from our local area, and collectively we discussed the nature of leadership. Mr. Dib led the conversation by outlining the significance of a leader's role and how as a leader we can be the catalysts for positive change.

As a group of school leaders, we spoke about what we believe leadership should entail, including service to our peers, as Christ did for His Disciples. Benevolence is a key aspect of this role as School Captains, as well as listening and advocating for others, thereby giving our student body a voice is pinnacle in leadership.

It was our pleasure to attend this event and we aspire to develop further connections with our local School Captains in hopes of collaborating on community initiatives.

Angelina Miltiadou and Lachlan Mansour  
Secondary School Captains



## Serbian Culture Day

On Wednesday 22 November, Serbian students had their annual excursion. They attended a holy liturgy at Saint George Serbian Orthodox Church Cabramatta. They had the honour of listening to Bishop Siluan, who warmly wished them much success in their ongoing education. This was followed by a visit to the Bonnyrigg Serbian Sports Club, where we all enjoyed a traditional Serbian meal.

Overall, it was a great day, enriching Serbian culture.

Brana Stanisavljevic  
Serbian Teacher



## Year 12 Legal Studies visit Bankstown Court

On Tuesday the 14 November the Year 12 Legal Studies students visited the Bankstown Local Courts and had the opportunity to observe a number of cases in progress, including those facing traffic offences, assault, drug use and stealing. This visit allowed students to see the courts in operation and also hear from two magistrates who took time out of their day to discuss their roles with the students.

It was a very useful learning opportunity for our students to see many of the terms and concepts covered in class being applied in actual case.

Mr Chris Attard  
Legal Studies Teacher





## Year 6 Camp

On Monday, the 20th of November, we departed school at 7.45am as we waved goodbye to our parents. Everyone was super excited when we stopped to enjoy our morning tea at McDonalds in Sutton Forest. We boarded the coach again and enjoyed a long bus ride to Canberra. Excited cheers from everybody were heard as we read the sign, 'Welcome to Canberra.'

Our next stop of the trip was the Australian Institute of Sport. We received a guided tour of the facility and had countless amounts of fun at Sportex, where we played sport-based games. We then made our way to the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House), where we had a tour and took a seat in the old Senate, as a wonderful tour guide showed us old uniforms of past government officials. We then went to research about old government officials and answered questions as we looked around for the answers.

At 4.30pm, we arrived at the National Electoral Education Centre, where we learned about Australian Democracy and how voting works, with a quick and fun role play. After a long day, we finally arrived at our home for the next few days, Canberra Park.

On Day 2, we visited the National Capital Exhibit, where we learnt about how the city of Canberra was planned and we got to do our own city planning in groups. We then took a driving tour of the Embassies. At 11am, we arrived at the Australian War Memorial and learnt about those who fought in WWI and WWII. We then paid our respects at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

We had lunch and explored Lennox Gardens. Then we made our way to the current Parliament House. We took a tour of the Senate and the House of Representatives, then we role played an exhilarating debate between us in the Parliamentary Education Office.

After dinner, we went to iPlay where we had an absolute blast! Unlimited video games, dodgem cart rides and an epic game of laser tag!

On the last day, we visited Father Petros at St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. We lit candles and he answered our questions about the Greek Orthodox faith. We then visited Questacon, one of our biggest highlights of the trip. We completed 8 rooms of never ending fun. After that, our last stop in Canberra was the CSIRO Discovery Centre. We scanned QR codes which gave us questions and we looked around the facility for the answers.

Exiting Canberra and entering our home state of NSW, we again stopped at McDonalds in Sutton Forest for afternoon tea and watched movies and sang songs on the bus ride home.

We finally arrived at St Euphemia College, greeted by our smiling parents. This was the best camp ever! We learnt a lot and had an absolute blast! We will never forget this amazing camp!

Katherine Afionis (6D) Elyana Ali (6D)





# Careers News

## Year 10 Work Experience

Our school's Career Education Program greatly values work experience as an integral part of learning. It is a platform for classrooms to extend into workplaces, enriching our students' understanding of the professional world. This immersive experience aids personal and social growth whilst providing valuable insights into chosen careers.

Participants in the work experience programs are volunteers, not employees and hence, must not be paid. If any payment is made, this places the insurance provisions at serious risk.

Students are responsible for their expenses such as transportation and meals during the program, although transport concession passes can be used.

To ensure a realistic glimpse into the professional realm, students are expected to adhere to the standard working hours of their designated jobs. This may sometimes involve early starts, late finishes or varying schedules, providing a comprehensive understanding of different work environments.

The work experience program has proven beneficial in the past, with numerous students securing part-time or full-time positions. Employers often view work experience as an opportunity to identify potential future employees.

Students are reminded:

- To adhere to the standard business hours
- Follow instructions diligently
- Complete assigned tasks conscientiously
- Punctuality and diligence are vital
- Maintaining appropriate attire
- Demonstrating respect and obedience to others
- Adhering strictly to workplace safety regulations

We hope our students find this experience rewarding.

Anastasia Prevezanos  
Careers Coordinator



Chanting Club in rehearsal



## Sports News

The Term 4 SWISSA Volleyball and Tennis competition came to a successful conclusion on Tuesday 21 November. The dedication and hard work exhibited by our students have truly paid off, and we are delighted to share their remarkable achievements.

In **Volleyball**, every St Euphemia team emerged as **Champions** in their respective divisions—Junior Girls, Senior Girls, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys. They have been undefeated all season.

In **Tennis**, we are proud to highlight the stellar accomplishments of SEC A's **Aleksandar Draca** and **Strahinja Trazivuk**, who clinched the prestigious title of **SWISSA Tennis Champions** in the Open Boys division.

Equally impressive is the performance of SEC Team; comprising Andrej Panic, Stevan Rujak, and Daniel Vuckovic, who secured a commendable 3rd place. What's truly remarkable is that they're only in Year 8, outshining older competitors in Year 11 & 12.

The complete Finals results are as follows.

### SWISSA Volleyball

Junior Girls Volleyball: SEC vs Georges River Grammar School: 2-0

Junior Boys Volleyball: SEC vs St Marouns College: 2-0

Senior Girls Volleyball: SEC vs St Mary and Minas College: 2-0

Senior Boys Volleyball: SEC vs Georges River Grammar School: 2-0

### Boys Tennis

SEC A vs All Saints Grammar A: 2-1 **SWISSA Champions**

SEC B vs International Maarif School: 2-1 (3rd place)

SEC C vs All Saints B: 2-1 - (5th place)

### Girls Tennis

SEC A vs All Saints Grammar A: 0-3 (4th place)

SEC B vs All Saints Grammar B: 2-1 (5th Place)

Monique Lou

Sports Coordinator







# Sports News

## Primary Schools Results 17 November

<b>Boys Junior Basketball</b>	loss	Regents Park	2-6
<b>Girls Junior Basketball</b>	def	Regents Park	32-0
<b>Boys Senior Basketball</b>	loss	Condell Park	0-35
<b>Girls Senior Basketball</b>	def	Condell Park	26-2
<b>Boys Softball</b>	loss	Banksia Road	3-10
<b>Girls Softball</b>	loss	Banksia Road	3-12
<b>Boys T-ball</b>	-	No game	
<b>Girls T-ball</b>	-	No game	

## 24 November Fixtures

Junior Girls Basketball: SEC vs Bankstown Public

Senior Girls Basketball: SEC vs Georges Hall

Girls Softball: SEC A vs Bass Hill Public

Boys T-ball: SEC vs Georges Hall

Girls T-ball: SEC vs Berala Public

Jenna Gallo

Acting Sports Coordinator