



# St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6

## Principal's Report



## Upcoming Events

24th November

Kindergarten Graduation

23rd November

Prep Graduation

27th November

Staff Development Day

High School Only

29th November

Christmas Carols

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.* (Luke 10:27).

I trust this newsletter finds all our families well. At our assembly on Monday, Father Peter Mavromatis unpacked the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable, he explained to our students, illustrates the concept of compassion, kindness and the importance of helping those in need, regardless of their background or circumstances. Goodness and humanity can come from unexpected sources and as Orthodox Christians we are called to be like the Good Samaritan.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one that resonates strongly with us as Orthodox Christians and has become a symbol in society for someone who goes out of their way to help others, even when it is inconvenient.

My interactions with the community in the past week, have highlighted for me the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships between home and school.

Healthy working relationships between parents and teachers is a crucial component in fostering student success. There are many strategies we can adopt to help make these relationships successful. Some of these include:

### **Open Communication**

Meeting your children's teachers during formal events such as parent-teacher interviews and start of the year information evenings provide valuable opportunities to express concerns, share information and ask questions.

As family circumstances change or wellbeing and health issues arise, please keep your teachers updated so that they can address your child's learning and emotional needs.



### **Consistent Messaging**

Trust in the knowledge, experience and professionalism of our teachers to create a positive learning environment. Teaching can be a demanding profession and teachers often face various challenges in meeting the learning needs of their students. Instead of questioning the expertise of a teacher in front of students, initiate private conversations to discuss methodologies and the rationale behind their approach.

By showing public support for our teachers here at St Euphemia College, you help foster a sense of community. Positive and supportive communities benefit everyone involved in the education of your child and enhances the educational experience.

### **Stay Solution Focused**

When challenges arise, gather the facts and present your concerns to your child's teachers. Children often omit vital information that usually gives a different perspective to a situation. Remain calm and follow the appropriate channels, contact your child's teacher as the initial point of contact. For curriculum matters, reach out to the Head of Department and for wellbeing concerns, contact the Year Advisor. Timely and efficient resolution is facilitated when delegated staff, familiar with your child, handle the matter. Escalation to the Welfare Coordinator or Principal can occur if necessary.

Building healthy relationships takes commitment and time. The benefits for the children extend beyond immediate problem-solving. At St Euphemia College we are committed to building and fostering those relationships with all our families.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Penny Pachos





## Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

The last few weeks have been filled with remarkable achievements and memorable events at St Euphemia College. Our students have showcased their talents in various extracurricular activities and we're immensely proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events lined up that promise to add more joy and enrichment to our school community. Among them, the upcoming Prep and Kindergarten Graduation where students will showcase their performing talents and be rewarded for their outstanding achievements so far this year.

Parent involvement is invaluable to us and we encourage you to participate in these events, witness the growth of our students and celebrate their achievements together.

We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership in creating a nurturing learning environment for our students. Stay tuned for more details in the next weekly newsletter.

The Kindergarten Transition Program aimed to facilitate a smooth transition for young learners into to Kindergarten. The program focused on engaging students in various activities, including reading a wonderful collection of rich texts and participating in integrated art lessons. Students participated in various hands-on activities that allowed them to express themselves while developing their fine motor skills. Simultaneously, parents were provided with detailed information about the daily routines, schedules, and expectations in Kindergarten. This included drop-off and pick-up procedures, snack times, and other essential aspects of a Kindergarten day.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis

### Primary Excursions

**20th November**  
Kindergarten  
Sydney Sea Life  
Aquarium

**20-22 November**  
Year 6  
Canberra

**23rd November**  
Year 3  
Entertainment Park  
Bankstown





## Year 5 Camp

On Monday 13 November, the Year 5 students embarked on an enriching two-day excursion to Bathurst, accompanied by their teachers. This excursion was a pivotal component of their History Unit focusing on the captivating era of Gold.

First, we saw The Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains, Katoomba and it was really beautiful as it was my first time seeing them. Year 5 then experienced a fun time at Scenic World where we went on the Scenic Railway, Scenic Skyway and even a Scenic Walkway. We could see nearly the whole forest and we were very, very high. Another awesome thing we saw were dinosaurs and we learnt their names and how they survived in the environment. But of course, they weren't real ones.

Later when we arrived in Bathurst, we travelled back in time. We visited an old courthouse with historical artefacts inside. A man named Uncle Merv was our tour guide and he taught us about bushrangers, miners and digging for gold. Next, we all hung around a campfire and sang along to colonial music. It was a fun night!

Finally, Uncle Merv took us to a place where we learnt how to dig and pan for gold. He then showed us different machinery, which was very loud and we learnt how to throw and paint a boomerang. On the way back home we stopped to feast at MacDonalds.

Overall, it was an amazing, extraordinary first time camp trip to Bathurst and I had the best time! The highlight of this trip was that I got to hang around the campfire and sing and dance to colonial music.

Zoe M (5P)



## SICLE Greek Language Competition

Congratulations to our students who participated in the 2023 SICLE Greek Language Competition, 'Greek and I'. **Victoria Varoutsos won first place in the Stage 1** category and **Jorge Kaffes came 2nd in the Stage 2** category. The finalists who received their awards at the University of Sydney were:

**Category 1 (Kindergarten - Year 2):** Joanna Glezakis

**Category 2 (Year 3 & 4):** Nicholas Tsardoulis, Johnny Stratikopoulos, Kristin Repousis, Sofia Wallace

**Category 3 (Year 5 & 6):** Katherine Afionis, Mariangela Sfikas, Emmanuela Louloudis, Elyana Ali



## Careers News

### UNSW Young Women in Engineering Program

The UNSW Young Women in Engineering Pathway Program is an alternate pathway program for high school students in Year 11 and 12. The one-month program runs from February to March 2024.

For more information [click here](#).

### Simulated UCAT Day Workshop

If you are in Yrs. 10, 11 or 12 and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is designed to prepare you for the UCAT.

For more information [click here](#).

### Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at USYD Webinar 22 November

Mechanical engineers use a knowledge of movement to design and improve mechanical components and systems.

Mechatronic engineers have a vital role to play in the age of advancing technologies. They combine mechanical, electronic, and software engineering to create computer-controlled machines.

For registration [click here](#).

### Chemistry in Action at USYD Webinar 29 November

Join this session to discover what studying chemistry really involves, what an average day of a Chemical Scientist or Materials Scientist is like, how you can pursue studies towards becoming one as well as the diverse career paths open to you in this field.

For more information [click here](#).

Anastasia Prevezanos  
Careers Coordinator

Macquarie University  
Webinars

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[Year 12 Webinar](#)

Landscaping  
Apprenticeships  
[Find out more here](#)



# Sports News

## Secondary Schools Results 14 November

<b>Junior Girls Volleyball</b>	def	St Mary and Minas College	2-0
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<b>Senior Girls Volleyball</b>	def	St Marks College	2-0
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<b>Boys A Tennis</b>	def	Georges River Grammar	3-0
<b>Boys B Tennis</b>	def	Redeemer Baptist	3-0
<b>Girls B Tennis</b>	loss	Redeemer Baptist	0-2
<b>Boys C Tennis</b>	loss	International Mareef	1-2

### 21 November Finals Week Fixtures

Junior Girls Volleyball: SEC vs Georges River Grammar School

Junior Boys Volleyball: SEC vs St Marouns College

Senior Girls Volleyball: SEC vs St Mary and Minas College

Senior Boys Volleyball: SEC vs Georges River Grammar School

Boys Tennis: SEC A vs All Saints Grammar A

Boys Tennis: SEC B vs International Maarif School

Boys Tennis: SEC C vs All Saints B

Girls Tennis: SEC A vs All Saints Grammar A

Girls Tennis: SEC B vs All Saints Grammar B

Monique Lou

Sports Coordinator



# Sports News

## Primary Schools Results 10 November

<b>Boys Junior Basketball</b>	loss	Bankstown Public	2-8
<b>Girls Junior Basketball</b>	def	Bankstown Public	8-4
<b>Boys Senior Basketball</b>	def	Berala Public	Forf.
<b>Girls Senior Basketball</b>	def	Berala Public	20-6
<b>Boys Softball</b>	def	Malek Fahd	12-6
<b>Girls Softball</b>	def	Malek Fahd	12-5
<b>Boys T-ball</b>	def	Bankstown West	12-7
<b>Girls T-ball</b>	def	Bankstown West	13-10

## 17 November Fixtures

Junior Girls Basketball: SEC vs Regents Park

Junior Boys Basketball: SEC vs Regents Park

Senior Girls Basketball: SEC vs Condell Park

Senior Boys Basketball: SEC vs Condell Park

Girls Softball: SEC A vs Banksia Road

Boys Softball: SEC B vs Banksia Road

Girls T-ball & Boys T-ball: no game

Jenna Gallo

Acting Sports Coordinator