



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Report



Upcoming Events

4 December

Infant's School

Christmas Performance

4 December

Christmas & Sports
Presentation
Primary School

4 December

Year 7

Entertainment Park

5 December

Presentation Day
Assembly
Primary School

6 December

Year 8 & 10
Luna Park

7 December

Presentation Day
Assembly
Secondary School

With just a week of the 2023 school year left, our students are eagerly anticipating their upcoming extended holiday break and the festivities that surround the Christmas period. We express our gratitude to our students' for their valuable contributions to the College throughout the year and eagerly anticipate commemorating their accomplishments next week during our Presentation Day Assemblies.

The St Euphemia College community thanks Mrs Georgia Evans for facilitating the donation of new office and library furniture from Volkswagen. The photo shows our students enjoying the new lounges in the Primary Library. They have enhanced the reading space and we are appreciative of the support.

Last night I had the pleasure of seeing our Year 6 students graduate. The evening showcased their many talents. Congratulations to both graduands and parents. May the joy of learning grow as you enter secondary school and embark on the next stage of your adventure.

Invitation to the Secondary School Presentation Day Assembly

I am delighted to extend an invitation to all our families for our Annual Presentation Day Assembly on Thursday 7 December 2023. The assembly is scheduled to commence at 11:00 am in the school hall.

This is a compulsory school day. We gather as a community to celebrate the wonderful year 2023 has been and recognise students on their achievements.

All students will be required to wear their full school uniform, including blazers. At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will be dismissed. Students on the St Euphemia buses and those that need to remain at school will be supervised until 3:10pm.

We look forward to your presence on this joyous occasion of celebration.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and restful festive season. May the blessings of God be with you all.

Penny Pachos



Chaplain's Report

With God's grace and the blessings of our Patron Saint Euphemia, we have come to the end of the school year and are approaching the Feast of the Lord's Nativity.

Our contemporary world, wounded by wars, famines, floods and fires, and so many other challenges, more than ever anticipates the birth of the Saviour. More than ever before, Christmas is a source of comfort and joy, not only for the faithful, but for the whole of humankind, as the birth of the God-Man fills our world, our homes, our hearts and our souls with the light of His peace, hope and love.

The hymns of our Church triumphantly proclaim that "Christ is born!". This announcement is paradoxical as it does not simply refer to an historical event – that Christ was born, nor that He will be born, but rather, that He is born in the here and now! For this reason, we are called to travel with the Wise Men of the East and follow the star to the cave in order to encounter the Christ-child and offer to Him gifts of our devotion, our faith and our love.

Christmas is the greatest gift ever given to humankind! God empties Himself and is born into our world in order to save and sanctify all of humankind. In imitation of this gift, we are called to bring gifts to our fellow person. These gifts, great or small, are simply symbols of the greater gifts we are called to share with our fellow person – the gifts of love, harmony, care and attention.

As we prepare our homes for Christmas, we are called to humble ourselves and prepare ourselves like the cave of Bethlehem, so that we can receive Christ, so that Christ can be born in our hearts. In this way, we will truly understand the real meaning and gift of Christmas – that "God became man, so that man can become God" (St Athanasius, 'On the Incarnation' 54,3).

With these simple thoughts, I wish you and your families a truly Merry Christmas! May the light and peace of the cave of Bethlehem fill your hearts and minds always. I convey the Paternal Blessings and love of our Primate, Archbishop Makarios for each and every one of you.

Reverend Father Peter Mavrommatis





Winners! @ the Helsinki Education Film Festival



Helsinki Education Film Festival International (also known as HEFFI) is a platform for filmmakers and educators established for the purpose of improving education and learning experience through films.

St Euphemia College were shortlisted as finalists in the *Best Outreach Film* category for our documentary *Changemakers'* directed by Chris Spyrou. St Euphemia's documentary won their category! Matthew Panayotopoulos, Chrisovalanti Spyrou and Anthony Papagelis flew to Helsinki to attend the festival and received the award alongside Chris Spyrou.

After the award announcement, HEFFI co-founder, Ricky Carranza, said the *Best Outreach Film* category is won by films "that reach out to people, whether an individual person, a particular group, a community or an entire nation. *Changemakers'* won the category because the message of the project clearly reached out to humanity," Mr Carranza said. "The project effortlessly inspired change and showed incredible heart."





Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

It certainly has been an exciting week here at St Euphemia College. We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) teams. Last Friday, 5 of our teams played their semi-final matches. Congratulations to our students who displayed their finest sportsmanship skills on the day. I am happy to announce that our Girls Junior Basketball, Girls Softball, Boys T-ball and Girls T-ball, have secured their spots in the much-anticipated Grand Finals. Best of luck to all our teams this week.

As this will be the final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have supported us throughout the year. Whether it was covering books, attending excursions or helping out with reading in the classrooms, please know that we truly appreciate your help.

I would also like to thank the P and F members who volunteered their time and planned some enjoyable events for our students. We look forward to having more enthusiastic people joining the P&F Committee for the upcoming year, bringing with them fresh ideas, energy and passion which will contribute to the continued success of our events and initiatives.

Wishing all parents and students a joyous Christmas filled with love, warmth, and unforgettable moments. May this festive season bring you closer as a family and provide a well-deserved break for our hardworking students. Cherish the laughter, create lasting memories and embrace the spirit of giving, love and kindness.

Merry Christmas!

Invitation to the Primary School Special Events

I am delighted to extend an invitation to all our families for our Annual Presentation Day Assemblies and Christmas Concerts.

Monday 4 December Infants Christmas Concert 9:00am

Monday 4 December Primary School Christmas & Sports Presentation 1:00pm

Tuesday 5 December Primary School Presentation Day Assembly 11:00am

Kindergarten Graduation

I'm excited to share some wonderful news about our recent Kindergarten graduation. Our tiny graduates, all dressed up in their cute caps and gowns, took the stage with big smiles and lots of energy. They were escorted onto the stage by their Year 6 buddies to receive their end of year certificates. They also entertained us with their fantastic performances.

A huge thank you to our Kindergarten teachers, Ms Dinoris and Ms Pappas. Their patience, kindness and ability to create a nurturing learning environment have made a significant impact on the children's growth and development. From the first day of school to the very last, it was evident that they have put their heart into making every moment in the classroom meaningful and enjoyable.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis





Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 students recently embarked on an unforgettable end-of-year adventure to Milperra Entertainment Park. Laughter, joy and pure excitement filled the air as our energetic young explorers enjoyed a day packed with thrills and fun. This excursion wasn't just about fun, it was a fantastic way for our students to bond, make lasting memories and celebrate the achievements of the year.



Mental Health Month

Recently some of our students participated in the competition, *Five Ways to Wellbeing*. The students were asked to create an artwork based on one or more of the Five Ways which are: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.

The following students were selected as award recipients:

Highly Commended 7 - 9 Years: Ava Terkalas
Encouragement Award 10 – 12 Years: Evelyn Kappas
Johnny Stratikopoulos
Ahnaf Rashid





Year 6 Graduation

Last night we honoured our Year 6 students and bid them farewell, as they prepare to move on to new adventures in 2024. The event marked the culmination of their primary school journey and we extend our warmest wishes for their future endeavours. I would like to also express my gratitude to the Year 6 classroom teachers, Ms. Diamant and Ms. Koliris, for the care and dedication they have shown to the students throughout this year. Their efforts to make the event truly special for our Year 6 students and their families was deeply appreciated.





Uniform Expectations 2024

As we approach the end of another long school year, I take this opportunity to update you on our uniform expectations for 2024. There will be some changes for the beginning of Term 1 next year. These changes apply to **both** the Primary and Secondary Schools.

- Blazers will be optional for the summer uniform. Students will be expected to wear their blazers during school assemblies, formal presentations and Church Service. Students will be notified in advance when blazers are required.
- Boys hair will be of a conventional style. Short haircuts down to Number 1 cut will be allowed.
- No haircuts with shaved sections. This includes haircuts with fades.
- No long hair for boys. There will be no dispensation or exception to this rule.
- Boys will be required to be clean shaven at all times. They will have the option to shave at school where necessary. Those refusing to be clean shaven may be withdrawn from classes.

Where students come to school with incorrect uniform, they will be provided with a clean replacement item to wear for the day depending on availability.

We welcome families of ex-students to donate back to the school any uniform items no longer in use. Where possible these items will be donated or used in cases of mishaps at school.

Secondary school students with PE or PASS classes will be required to come to school in full school uniform every day except for Tuesdays. They will be expected to bring and change into their sport uniform for these classes and change back at the end of the lesson.

Parents and carers are encouraged to be familiar with the rules and regulations posted in the student diary. If you have any queries, please contact me at the College at sprevezanos@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au.

Stay safe over the coming break.

Steve Prevezanos
Welfare Coordinator





Careers News

Our Year 10 students had a wonderful week experiencing the *real world* last week. They took on the challenges of working in unfamiliar settings and stepped up to the mark. The feedback received included; *I didn't realise how tiring working from 9 to 5 is; the people I worked with were really helpful and I learnt a lot, I loved my week at work.*

University of Wollongong College Fitness Information Webinar

Are you interested in fitness? Would you love to pursue a career in the fitness industry?

This information session at the University of Wollongong may be for you.

<https://uowcollege.swoogo.com/fitnessis>

Anastasia Prevezanos
Careers Advisor

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 begins 1 February 2024 (Prep - Year 12)

Term 1 ends 11 April 2024

Term 2 begins 30 April 2024

Term 2 ends 28 June 2024

Term 3 begins 23 July 2024

Term 3 ends 26 September 2024

Term 4 begins 15 October 2024

Term 4 ends 11 December 2024





Sports News

Primary Schools Semi Final Results 24 November

Girls Junior Basketball	def	Bankstown Public	14-12
Girls Senior Basketball	loss	Georges Hall	22-26
Girls Softball	def	Bass Hill	5 - 3
Boys T-ball	def	Georges Hall	14-13
Girls T-ball	def	Berala	6 - 3

1 December Fixtures

Junior Girls Basketball: SEC vs Condell Park

Girls Softball: SEC A vs Bankstown Public

Boys T-ball: SEC vs Bass Hill

Girls T-ball: SEC vs Banksia Road

Jenna Gallo

Acting Sports Coordinator





Uniform Shop

Opening Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Summer Essentials

Girls Summer Dress	Price	Boys Primary Navy Shorts	Price
Primary Size 4 - 10	\$63	Size 4 - 12	\$45
Primary Size 12 - 18	\$68	Size 14 - 20	\$47
Secondary Size 8 - 14	\$80	Size 22 - 26	\$50
Secondary Size 16 - 20	\$83	Size 28 - 30	\$53

Prep	Price	Boys Secondary Navy Trousers	Price
Polo T-shirt	\$31	Size 8 - 12	\$55
Shorts	\$32	Size 14 - 20	\$58
Track Top	\$78	Size 22 - 28	\$61
Track Pants	\$48	All Boys Short Sleeve Shirt	\$28

All Sports Shorts: \$32

Sports Polos start at \$27

All sets of top and bottom: \$15 off

Full Item List
&
Price List
Available at
Uniform Shop



St Euphemia Parish News

St Euphemia Fellowship Trivia Night

Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition at the St Euphemia Fellowship Trivia Night! Grab your friends and test your knowledge with exciting trivia questions. Get ready to laugh, learn, and enjoy a fantastic evening together.

12 December @ 7:00 pm in our Church Hall. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

To book, [click here](#).

[Click here for
St Euphemia
Church Calendar](#)

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Christmas Hamper Appeal 2023

In the spirit of giving this Christmas season, your generosity will bring smiles to families facing hardship. Donate a hamper of non-perishable items or gift cards to GO Family & Friends' hamper drive this Christmas.

The hampers will be distributed by various Parish food initiatives.

Requested Items

Gift Vouchers for families. (Kmart, Big W, Coles, Woolworths)

Biscuits

Coffee - Tea - Sugar - Long life Milk

Canned food items (e.g. Tuna, Vegetables, Baked Beans , Soup, Fruit, Meats)

Cereal

Jam, Vegemite, Honey

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Rice

2 Minute Noodles

Sealed Drinks

Treats: Potato Chips, Pudding, Chocolates, Mini Panettone

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Shampoo & Conditioner

Deodorant

Washing Powder

Dishwashing Liquid & Sponges

Donations can be dropped off at St Euphemia Church.

Please donate off before 10 December 2023.