



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1

Principal's Report



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Welcome back to the start of the 2024 academic year at St Euphemia College. I trust everyone enjoyed their break from school and daily routines and have returned re-energised. A very warm welcome to all members of our school community, our new Prep and Kindergarten students, as well as the new students who have joined us in Years 1 to 11.

On Tuesday, our Orthodox Church celebrated the Feast of the Three Hierarchs; St Basil the Great, St John Chrysostom and St Gregory the Theologian, who serve as our Patrons of Education.

To commemorate and extend His Blessings for the new academic year to our College community, Blessed Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia has sent a special letter to each of our students and staff. I am pleased to share an excerpt of His Eminence's Blessing and encourage you to read Archbishop Makarios' letter your children received today.

I have no doubt that with the guidance of your worthy teachers and with the upbringing you have received from your devout families, you will follow the path indicated to you by these "great luminaries" of our Church. May the path that will lead you to become wise according to God, fill your embrace with fragrant roses and may you distribute them generously to your fellow human persons, so that their lives may also become beautiful and fragrant.

I wholeheartedly wish you a creative and fruitful new school year!

Upcoming Events

31 January - 2 February
Year 7 Camp

9 February
Blessing for the
New School Year



HSC Results

As you may already know, our HSC results for 2023 were commendable and reflected the hard work of teachers and students.

Among a cohort of 52 students, we had 12 Distinguished Achievers who recorded 22 Distinguished Achievements (Band 6 or E4). Additionally, we proudly recognise three Top Achievers, **David Stanisavljevic** (Year 11) for **First in Serbian**, **Constantinos Vidiniotis** (Year 11) for **Second in Modern Greek Continuers**, **Constantinos Vidiniotis** (Year 11) for **Second in Modern Greek Extension** and **Michail Katris** (Year 11) for **Fifth place in Modern Greek Continuers**.

Three students achieved an ATAR above 90 and 25% of the ATAR candidates achieved an ATAR above 80. The **Dux of the College** is **Eleni Kalantzis**. These results are something to really celebrate. Congratulations to our students and heartfelt appreciation to all staff for their commitment in teaching and learning. I look forward to acknowledging their efforts at an upcoming College Assembly.

Penny Pachos

Year 7 - 12 Homework Club

The Homework Club in the Secondary School will take on a new form in 2024. Homework Club will be open every Monday afternoon from 3:10 - 4:20 pm in the Secondary School Library for students in Years 7 - 12.

Primary students will be required to attend the Primary School Homework Club.

The Homework Club is supervised and students who find it difficult to concentrate at home are encouraged to attend. Mrs Manolopoulos will be present to assist students with all levels of Mathematics homework, whilst students working on assessments and homework from other subjects can do so knowing there is a teacher present who can help advise and guide.

Please note, for the safety and care of our students, students must remain in the library for the duration of the afternoon. Students will only be dismissed before 4:20 pm in the presence of a parent/carer who will be required to sign their child out.

An attendance log will be kept, and parents are welcome to contact Mrs Manolopoulos to enquire about their child's attendance.

Supervision Before School

Parents/carers please note that there will be **no active supervision** of students at the College prior to 8:00 AM unless they are involved in a College endorsed/organised before school activity (e.g., training, class, etc). Families are advised to avoid having students arrive at the College before supervision commences as the gates will be locked.

Anthony Papagelis

Administration Coordinator



Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

Welcome Back to a New Academic Year!

I trust this message finds you well-rested and rejuvenated after a delightful summer break. As the Deputy Principal of St Euphemia College, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new students and their families as we embark on an exciting educational journey together for the year 2024.

The start of a new academic year is always a time filled with anticipation and possibilities. It's a chance for fresh beginnings, new friendships, and the opportunity to embrace new challenges. Our dedicated team of educators has been working diligently to ensure that this year is not only academically enriching but also filled with engaging experiences that will contribute to the holistic development of our students.

Parents and carers, your partnership with us is invaluable. We encourage open communication and active involvement in your child's education. Together, we can create an environment that empowers our students to excel academically and develop into well-rounded individuals.

As we commence this new academic year, I wish each and every one of our students a successful and fulfilling journey ahead. May your curiosity be sparked, your ambitions soar and your friendships flourish.

On our first day back at school, the playground was filled with excitement as students and teachers reunited for the beginning of a new academic year. The classrooms buzzed with anticipation as teachers eagerly awaited the arrival of their new students and the opportunity to inspire and guide another group of eager minds.

The youngest members of our school, the Prep and Kindergarten students, embarked on a delightful adventure as they enthusiastically stepped into their classrooms for their first day.

Our dedicated teachers and support staff worked tirelessly to create a warm and welcoming environment, ensuring a seamless transition for our little learners.





Asthma Plan and Anaphylaxis Plan Updates

The School requires all Asthma Plans and Anaphylaxis Plans to be updated annually. These can be renewed by visiting your GP. All plans must be signed by the GP. If there are any other medical concerns please send an email to your child's class teacher or make an appointment to see them in person.

School Uniform Reminder

Wearing a school uniform holds significant importance as it fosters a sense of belonging, responsibility and pride within our educational community. Furthermore, uniforms instill a sense of discipline and professionalism, preparing students for future endeavours, where adhering to dress codes is commonplace. By embracing the school uniform, students not only contribute to a positive and focused learning environment but also cultivate a mindset of respect, responsibility, and pride in representing their educational institution.

The following uniform rules apply to all students in the Primary School:

- Students must have a conventional hairstyle and unaltered natural hair colour. Boys' hair must be short and neat with a conventional hair style, generally the same length all around. No long hair is allowed for boys. Girls' hair that touches the collar should be tied up. Hair ribbons or scrunchies must be navy blue.
- Wearing jewellery, except items specified by the Principal or their Delegate, is not permitted. The only jewellery items that may be worn are a wristwatch, one pair of stud earrings or sleepers, a prayer rope and a Christian cross.
- The School hat must be worn during recess, lunch and sport time or during any outside activities.
- The acceptable hem length of dresses is just above the knee.
- The School blazer will be optional for the summer uniform, except during assemblies, formal presentations and Church services.
- No makeup or nail polish is permitted.
- During winter, a plain navy scarf, navy gloves and a navy beanie may be worn in the playground.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis





Welfare Coordinator Update

Welcome to the 2024 school year! I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on some new initiatives in the Secondary School.

All students in Years 7 - 12 have been allocated a Homeroom. The school day will begin at 8:30 am with Homeroom. The Homeroom teacher will take the roll, monitor attendance, check uniform and attend to the pastoral needs of the students in their Homeroom. Each Homeroom has two teachers and I encourage you to ask your child who their Homeroom teachers are, as these will be the teachers your child will see at the beginning of every school day. The Homeroom teacher will be an important point of contact for our parents and you are encouraged to contact your child's Homeroom teacher if you have any pastoral concerns about your child.

All students have been issued with a school diary. Students are required to bring their diary to Homeroom. Important messages to parents regarding attendance and uniform may be delivered through the school diary.

I wish you all a memorable and productive 2024.

Steve Prevezanos





Secondary School Sports News

Welcome back! I am thrilled to embark on another year filled with exciting sporting challenges, competitions, victories, defeats and displays of sportsmanship.

Tuesday Sport

Tuesday sport kicks off on **6 February**. Electronic permission notes were sent to parents this week, with hard copies distributed to students on their first day.

We ask students to return these notes to their designated supervising sport teachers. Students who have not returned their permission notes will be required to remain at school.

Term 1 SWISSA Basketball Competition

Selections for the St Euphemia College Representative Team are scheduled for **6 February** during Tuesday Sport. Years 8 -11 students interested in participating must sign up using the link provided on Teams by **5 February 5pm**.

Year 7 Learn to Swim

During Term 1, Year 7 students will participate in the mandatory *Learn to Swim* Program as a part of the PDHPE curriculum. The program will take place during Tuesday Sport and commences on **13 February 2024**. Further details about the swimming program will be distributed next week. Keep an eye out for this information.

Monique Lou
Sports Coordinator





Canteen Menu

BREAKFAST

	Small	Large
Toast with Avocado & Hummus	\$3.00	
Pancakes with Maple Syrup	\$3.00	
Cheese Toast	\$3.50	
Cheese & Tomato Toast	\$4.00	
Ham Cheese Toast	\$4.50	
Ham Cheese Tomato Toast	\$5.00	
Egg & Cheese Roll with sauce	\$5.00	
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$6.00	

SALADS

Tabouli Salad		\$7.00
Caesar Salad		\$7.00
Greek Salad		\$7.00
Garden Salad		\$7.00
Fruit Salad	\$5.00	\$7.00
Mixed Bean Salad		\$7.00

WRAPS

Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo	\$8.00
Chicken with Tabouli & Hummus	\$8.00
Chicken with Coleslaw	\$8.00
Falafel with Tabouli & Hummus	\$6.00
Variety Cold Meats with Salad	\$6.00
Salad & Avocado	\$7.00

Pre order available, with the option to select your own fill

DRINKS

	Small	Large
Milk Shakes		\$5.00
<i>Chocolate/Strawberry/Vanilla/Banana</i>		
Hot chocolate		\$4.00
Water		\$2.00
Juice		\$4.00
Oak Milk	\$3.50	\$5.00

Wednesday & Friday Specials

Grilled Halloumi and Veggie Rolls	\$8.00
Veggie Pizza	\$6.00
Mediterranean Pasta	\$6.00 \$8.00
Veggie Moussaka	\$8.00
Spanakopita	\$6.00
Spanakoriso with Feta	\$6.00 \$8.00

Variety of Daily Specials Available

Pre order your meals

SANDWICHES

Egg with Salad	\$5.00
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo	\$6.00
Variety Cold Meats with Salad	\$6.00

Pre order available, with the option to select your own fill

HOT FOOD

	Small	Large
Garlic Bread		\$1.50
Cheese Puffs		\$1.50
Chicken Wings		\$2.00
Potato wedges with sauce		\$5.00
Cheese on Pita Bread Toasted		\$4.00
Burgers		\$8.00
<i>Beef/Chicken</i>		
Souvlaki Roll with Lettuce & Mayo	\$7.00	
Homemade Cheese Pizza		\$5.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$6.00	\$8.00
Beef Stroganoff & Rice	\$6.00	\$8.00
Spicy Chicken & Rice	\$6.00	\$8.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$6.00	\$8.00
Fettuccine Pasta	\$6.00	\$8.00

[Click here for online
Canteen Menu](#)



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