



# St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

## Principal's Report

### Upcoming Events

12 February  
High Achievers  
Assembly



*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Luke 10:27)*

Week 2 has been a week of many blessings for our students and our College. Today, we were honoured to have His Grace Bishop Christodoulos of Magnesia, alongside Very Reverend Father Panagioti Protopsalti, Very Reverend Father Peter Mavrommatis and Deacon Father Mileton conduct our Annual School Blessing Service. The Blessing Service is a significant occasion in the College calendar. It not only marks the beginning of the academic year, the Service is also an opportunity for the College to connect with our Parish Church St Euphemia, reflect on how fortunate we are to belong to such a supportive and loving community and give thanks to God our Lord for our many blessings.

On Tuesday night, I was privileged to attend the 2024 Orthodox Church Service to mark the opening of the Law Term. I was accompanied by our College Captains, Mr Verghios and Mr Prevezanos. The Service was led by His Grace Bishop Iakovos of Miletoupolis representing His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia. At the reception after the Service, the Attorney General, Mr Michael Daley MP, spoke to the attendees about the importance of service to the community, encouraging our students to take up careers in community service such as Law, Medicine, Teaching, Nursing etc. The Service and the speeches we heard reinforced the importance of community, faith and giving back to our fellow man.

As I reflect on Week 2 and the Services our students have had the opportunity to attend, the value of community is highlighted. Communities provide us with a sense of belonging and identity. St Euphemia College is a community that grounds itself in our Greek Orthodox faith. We stand together and worship together and together we are a College that has much to be proud of. I wish you all a good week ahead.

Penny Pachos







## Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

We have had a very settled and positive start to the year, welcoming many new students and families to our Prep Class, Kindergarten and across the other grades. The smile on the students' faces and the eagerness to begin school has been beautiful. Students also spoke this week of how wonderful it has been to reunite with friends and develop new relationships.

Our staff have also had a fabulous start to the year and are eager to get to know their new cohort of students. We also welcome back from maternity leave Ms Giannoulis and Ms Karefylakis.

St Euphemia College remains committed to providing our students with ample opportunities in our supportive community to reach their full potential. Our focus in 2024 is to foster a nurturing environment, promote learning experiences and encourage our students to reach their personal best.

### Communication Between Home and School

Please feel free to contact the school via phone 9796 8240 or email [office@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au) to speak to any of our staff. The first point of call regarding administration is the Front Office and for learning is your child's classroom teacher.

As a parent/carer if you have an issue or concern it is always best to raise this as soon as possible with your child's classroom teacher. Following on from that, you are always welcome to speak with the Stage Coordinator and if the issue is still not resolved you are advised to contact the office and make an appointment to meet with the Deputy Principal.

### Road Safety Around Our School

As students return to school remember to also slow down and stick to the 40km/h limit during school zones.

Parking inspectors regularly patrol our school to support safe parking and keep our students safe.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis





## Careers News

After our Year 10 Work Experience program in Term 4 last year, we received exceptional feedback regarding the conduct of our students. Here are some comments from employers who were impressed with their performance:

*“She was an absolute pleasure who took initiative and maintained a warm and approachable attitude during her placement. A highly motivated and empathetic student.”* Secondary College”

*“We want to congratulate firstly his parents and the school for shaping a young man who is destined for greatness and wish him all the very best in the future.”* Law Firm

*“Her evolving confidence and collaborative spirit reflects her growing understanding and integration into the responsibilities of a childcare educator. It was an absolute pleasure and we wish her every success.”* Childcare Centre.

Congratulations to all the students for demonstrating maturity and responsibility while adhering to the school values throughout their Work Experience.

Anastasia Prevezanos  
Careers Advisor

## HSC Key Dates

3 Apr 2024	Applications open
16 Sep 2024	SRS applications close
30 Sep 2024	Early bird application deadline
1 Nov 2024	SRS change of preference deadline
8 Nov 2024	First SRS offers released.

## UAC Assessments

5 March	Booking Opens
10 May	Concession application deadline
17 May	Access Arrangements application deadline
17 May	Booking Deadline
31 May	Late booking deadline
5 June	FINAL late booking deadline
10 June	Cancellation deadline
1 July	Testing begins
9 August	Last testing date
September	Results delivered to universities



## Certificate of Attainment in Greek

The Certificate of Attainment in Greek is the only official state certification confirming the knowledge of Greek as a foreign/second language at six levels, corresponding to the Common European Framework (CEFR) levels. It is recognised by all European Union member states and NESAS (New South Wales Education Standards Authority).

We would like to congratulate the following students on their participation and achievement:

### Level A1 (Children)

Haney Zeidan

Katherine Afionis

Elyana Ali

Mariangela Sfikas

Chrysovalandou Condoleon

Demetra Galiotis

Elena Tezaris

### Level A1 (Adolescents & Adults)

Katerina Ifandoudas

Chris Prevezanos

### Level B2

Maria Katri

Michael Katri

This year the examinations will take place in May and the Modern Greek teachers will distribute the registration forms shortly.

Anastasia Prevezanos

Careers Advisor







## Secondary School Sports News

Next week is an exciting week with the SWISSA competition beginning.

### Term 1 SWISSA Basketball Competition

The Term 1 SWISSA Basketball Competition begins on **13 February**. We wish all our representative teams the best of luck this term.

**Open Boys and Girls:** St Euphemia College vs. Redeemer Baptist School

**Junior Boys and Girls:** St Euphemia College vs. St Marks College

### 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





# Primary School Sports News

## **Intensive Swimming Lessons**

An intensive three week program has been organised for Years 3 and 5, Monday to Wednesday, beginning in Week 2.

The first lesson began on Monday 5 February. There will be no lesson held on Tuesday 20 February due to the Primary School Swimming Carnival. A make-up lesson has been organised for Monday 26 February.

Parents are advised to return swimming notes as soon as possible.

Year 2 also begin their Intensive Swimming lessons every Thursday for Term 1. The first lesson will be held Thursday 8 February and concludes Thursday 4 April.

## **Primary School Carnival**

The Primary School Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 20 February at the Max Parker Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Revesby. A note was distributed to students in Years 3-6. Parents are encouraged to fill in and sign the note for their child to participate on the day.

## **Summer PSSA**

PSSA (Public Schools Sports Association) resumes in March. Students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to try out for teams in Basketball, Softball and T-Ball. Tryouts will begin Friday 9 February. Parents are reminded to return the signed Master Permission form for students to attend Bankstown Sports Complex to try out for the respective teams. Basketball tryouts will be held at School.

## **Basketball Clinic**

Infant classes Prep, Kindergarten and Year 1 will be participating in Basketball clinics beginning Thursday 8 February for six weeks. Notes have been distributed with the relevant information required for parents.

Gina Vourtsanis



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## YEAR 12 HSC INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY  
6:30PM - 7:30PM

- STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
- NESA RULES AND GUIDELINES
- EXPECTATIONS FOR 2024

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**YEAR 12 ADVISOR**

