



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7

Principal's Report



Upcoming Events

17 March
Year 11
Sunday Liturgy

13 - 22 March
NAPLAN

24 March
Greek
Independence Day
March

28 March
St Euphemia College
Tours

The Very Reverend Father Anastasios Bozikis and fifteen theology students from St Andrew's Theological College visited our College today. The students are exploring the various ministries of the Greek Orthodox Church, with schools being an integral component of these ministries. They visited some of our Religious Education classes in the Primary School and Year 9 in the Secondary School. Additionally they had the opportunity to speak with our College Chaplain, the Very Reverend Father Peter, and our Parish Priest, the Very Reverend Father Panagioti about their roles in the College and how we foster Orthodoxy here.

During this week's Secondary School Assembly, the staff workshopped bullying with a focus on bystanders. "What hurts the victim most is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander." (Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize recipient). Bullying is not tolerated at the College and there are serious repercussions for those who engage in it.

The discussion in small groups centred on the difference between banter and bullying. Banter is a social interaction between friends and may involve a one-off exchange of teasing or mocking that happens on a one-to-one basis. Bullying, on the other hand, is the repetitive, intentional hurting of a person that continues even after the victim asks for it to stop. A bystander is someone who witnesses this exchange and shows no support to the victim. Students at St Euphemia College need to stand together and accept that we don't all have to like each other or even get along. However, we do need to show respect for each other and accept each other's differences. Bullying behaviour is not acceptable.

While we have all settled into our school routines, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for supporting the College in uniform and attendance. Our students in the Primary School are wearing their College caps during recess and lunch which is crucial for sun protection. Our Secondary School students are also encouraged to buy the College cap to protect their skin from sun damage. The Secondary students have been impressive in changing for their PDHPE practical lessons and have shown great maturity in organising their change of clothing. I am extremely proud of how they have stepped up and I know that this would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our parents.



This Sunday, our Year 11 students will be attending Church Service with their Year Advisor, Mr John Koutsoukis. At St Euphemia College, we aim to develop the students academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Sunday Service attendance is an integral element of our College life.

Have a lovely week.

Penny Pachos

Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

It's been an exciting time at St Euphemia College, with our students enthusiastically participating in a range of enriching activities. Let's explore some of the standout moments from the past week.

Greek Independence Day Celebrations

All students in **Years 2 to 12** are required to attend the Greek Independence Day celebrations on **Sunday 24 March**. Students need to meet their class teachers at **Martin Place at 12:30 pm**.

Students in Prep, Kindergarten and Year 1 will not be marching with the college. Any students from these grades that will be attending need to be supervised by their parents and are not required to be in school uniform.

Greek Dancing Lessons

Greek dancing lessons are an integral part of our school cocurricular program and participation in this activity is **compulsory** for all students as discussed during the enrolment process.

The dancing fees are now overdue. Students who have not paid their dancing fees will not participate in Greek dancing and performances until payment is made.

Please make payment to:

Account name: Aristotelion Academy of Greek Traditional Dances

BSB:112-879

Account No: 141 772021

Reference: Student's name and grade.

Students in **Years 3 and 5** will be performing a variety of Greek dances on **Wednesday 27 March** at 2 pm at our commemorative assembly.

Awards

Congratulations to Zara on her victory in last year's Christmas Art Competition for 6 year-olds! Zara was awarded her prize this week, a shiny new Apple iPad.



18 March Excursion
Year 4
Bundeena

20 March Excursions
Year 1
Vaucluse House

Year 2
Rouse Hill Estate

Year 6
Audley-Bola Royal
National Park

21 March
Harmony Day

21 March
Year 6
GELATO Day



This week's Infants awards for Excellent Speller and Listening Awards were:

KD: George Grivas & Kristian Stefanovic

KP: Dimitri Akassis & Steven Kremydas

1A: Manu Anagnostakis & Zach Ghorbani

1S: Kiara Rosin & Sophia Tsardoulis

2P: Evan Terkalas & Maria Ali

2V: Elaina Tzelepis & Peter Grivas



Kindergarten Spotlight

This week, the Kindergarten students have shown a great curiosity in learning numbers up to ten. They've been enjoying various activities that help them explore different ways to represent numbers. Additionally, they're enhancing their ability to quickly recognise and understand quantities.

They also enjoyed reading the story 'Possum in the House'. It gave students a chance to engage with literature alongside their peers and to share their thoughts and ideas. Additionally, students had the opportunity to design their own homes, using different media to express their creativity.

Furthermore, our Kindergarten students participated in structured play, where they were encouraged to take turns and share with one another. This facilitated the development of their social and emotional skills. It also fostered positive and respectful relationships among the students as they worked together.





Pi Day

Did you know that March 14 is Pi Day? Every March 14, mathematics enthusiasts around the world celebrate Pi Day.

The Greek letter π is used to represent pi and is equal to the circumference of a circle divided by its diameter! $\pi=3.14$

At St Euphemia College, our Primary classes celebrated Pi Day with interesting mathematical activities.

The Year 4 classrooms embarked on a mathematical adventure, crafting their very own Pi Day Bracelets. The students strung together the numbers of Pi, making math a tangible and vibrant experience.



The Year 5 classrooms experimented with circle art. Using compasses, coloured paper and pencils their task was to draw circles of different sizes and use their circles to create beautiful designs for their classrooms.

Harmony Day and Year 6 Gelato Day

We are celebrating Harmony Day on **Thursday 21 March** and we're inviting all students to come dressed in vibrant **orange** clothing. It's a day to embrace our differences, foster understanding, and promote kindness within our school community.

Also on the day, Year 6 will be running its first fundraising event of the year : **GELATO Day**. Students are to bring in \$5.00 to purchase their gelato.





College Chaplain's Message

On Meatfare Sunday, our Holy Church brings to mind the awesome and Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading (Matt 25:31-46) recalls the Parable of the Judgement, in which Jesus reveals how He will return to judge the living and the dead. Using the example of a shepherd separating sheep from goats, Jesus reveals that all people will be rewarded or condemned by their own choices and actions.

Jesus revealed that He will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" (v. 34-36).

The righteous, will respond that they have never ministered to Him, to which Jesus replies, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

The parable continues the judgement of the unrighteous with Jesus saying, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me" (v. 41-43).

In protest, the unrighteous will complain that they never saw Him and neglected His needs, but again Jesus responds with, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me."

It is clear from the parable that in His loving-kindness, Jesus identifies with each and every person, even the "least of the brethren". This means that Christians are called to recognise the face of Christ in our fellow person, and respond to our fellow person the way we would to Christ Himself!

The person who asks us for support; the homeless person; the lonely person; the person who is grieving; the person who is sick; all of these people are none other than Christ in disguise, and we are called to minister to them in a spirit of Christian love. By ministering to them, we minister to Christ Himself. If we fail to minister to them, we neglect our ministry to Christ. It is for this reason that Saint Makarios the Great would say, "salvation is through the other". In other words, the way we treat our fellow person will determine how we will be judged at the awesome Second Coming of Christ.

Fr Peter Mavrommatis



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Morning (Orthros) School Chapel Services During Great-Lent



As we all may know, Great-Lent is here. It is a period of repentance, fasting and almsgiving as we journey toward the Death and Resurrection of Christ our God. Great-Lent, for Orthodox Christians, is a spiritual arena in which, like athletes, we exercise our faith through certain spiritual practices to prepare ourselves to meet Christ at Pascha.

For this reason, we have decided during the school term from Monday to Thursday that there will be a morning service from 7:30am – 8:15am for all those who would like to start their day by lighting a candle in Church and hearing some Lenten-hymns in English which will help nourish the spirit of Great-Lent. If time also permits, the conclusion of the service may include a short 2-minute sermon. We hope that this will help foster the spiritual atmosphere of Great-Lent in the school for teachers, parents, and students alike.

Saint Euphemia Church:

Monday 7:30am – 8:15am

Tuesday 7:30am – 8:15am

Wednesday 7:30am – 8:15am

Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am

Kali Sarakosti

Chaplain Fr Peter Mavrommatis

Deacon Fr Meliton Haridemos

Parents and Friends

It is with great enthusiasm that we extend an invitation to all our Parents and Friends to join the St Euphemia College P&F.

The P&F provides an invaluable platform for collaboration, communication, and support. Through this association, we have the opportunity to contribute positively to the educational journey of our children and enhance the overall school experience.

If you share our enthusiasm and would like to be involved in the St Euphemia College P & F, please use the QR code to provide your details. We hope to have families from across the Primary and Secondary Schools as part of our Committee.

St Euphemia College P & F
Expression of Interest





Hospitality Awards

Congratulations to **Georgie Kekatos** for being selected as a Finalist for the **MWLP Work Placement Student of the Year Awards** for her VET Hospitality work placement undertaken in 2023. Georgie spent a week at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club. The College is very proud that Georgie became a finalist after having participated in many interviews. Even though Georgie did not receive the award for her category on the night, she was very thankful that she had reached the finalist status. Below is a statement from Georgie about her work placement experience.

Taking part in the hospitality work placement was one I will forever cherish. I was able to learn so much about myself in only a short period of time! From the beginning, I began to foster a new-found appreciation for workers dedicated to their craft as I realised the discipline and consistent effort applied to the mastery of cooking. I had the opportunity of learning the ins and outs of how a commercial kitchen runs – the communication, teamwork and genius behind the meals created carefully to satisfy the customer. I also got to be hands-on and handled minor food preparation. From cutting strawberries to baking croutons, I got an authentic experience that only furthered my growing admiration for the commercial kitchen. During my time, I got the invite to take part in the preparation of an event where I worked personally with the head chef and sous chef. We stood in an orderly line where each person placed a part of the meal on the plate until it got to me. I handled the presentation in which I dressed the meal and wiped the edges of the plate and handed it to the waiters. This had to be the pinnacle of my experience during my placement. It was stressful and pushed me to keep up to present a dish worth something to the people waiting for their meal. Overall, my time at work placement taught me a lot about myself – I like to work in teams, I can't handle stress that well but that I enjoy working with people! I was very blessed to be given this opportunity and highly encourage other potential students of hospitality to take on this course if they value practical substance in their education!



Michelle Omeros
Head of TAS



Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp, held from Wednesday 6th March to Friday 8th March 2024 at Camp Lutanda Yarramundi, proved to be an enriching journey that left a positive mark on all who participated.

Designed to blend recreational activities with pastoral care initiatives, the program offered a diverse array of engaging pursuits, fostering not only enjoyment but also personal growth and team spirit among the students.

Throughout their stay, participants took part in activities carefully designed to encourage communication, collaboration, and resilience building. From discussion groups to swimming, archery and flying fox, every moment was designed to challenge and inspire. Laser tag and communal sports games added an extra dimension of excitement, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and teamwork.

The camp provided a nurturing environment for students to step out of their comfort zones, confront challenges and establish meaningful connections with their peers. Their overwhelmingly positive feedback attests to the success of the endeavour, affirming the invaluable impact it had on their personal development and sense of belonging.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the diligent teachers Ms Ha, Ms Ryan, Ms Lou and Mr Xanthoudakis who provided unwavering supervision and encouragement throughout the camp, empowering students to push their boundaries and embrace new experiences. Special mention is also due to Mr. Prevezanos, whose enthusiastic facilitation of the disco on Thursday night added a memorable highlight to the students' experience.

Anastasia Prevezanos
Year 9 Advisor





Careers News

2025 admissions

Applications for 2025 entry open on **3 April** for domestic students. UAC will email PINs to all NSW HSC students. Students will need their NESA or BSSS student number and their UAC PIN to apply through UAC.

Access schemes

When applications for admission open, so will applications for the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) and the Educational Access Scheme (EAS).

SRS application changes

The SRS application is now part of the undergraduate application, similar to EAS. Once a student submits their undergraduate application, they can follow a link to SRS. There will no longer be a stand alone application accessible from the UAC website.

Students will be asked to confirm that their school name is correct. If a student needs to upload their Year 11 results, they will be prompted to do so.

EAS process change for schools

EAS educational impact statements must be completed by the School Principal, Counsellor, Year Adviser, teacher or Careers Advisor. If this is not possible it must be completed by a responsible person, such as a doctor, lawyer, social worker, counsellor, or community or religious leader who has knowledge of the circumstances and the effect on the student's studies.

EAS is only used for ATAR-based offers unless otherwise specified.

UAC publications

Another reminder: UAC is no longer producing the UAC Guide. All information about the next admissions cycle will be updated on the **UAC website** from **April**.

If students would like a printed information booklet, they can pick up a copy of *Steps to Uni* for Year 11 and 12 Students from one of the many expos we'll be attending this year.

Steps to Uni for Year 11 and 12 Students will not be sent out to schools but it can be downloaded from the UAC website if needed.

LIVE webinar for Year 12 students

Our expert speakers will equip students with the knowledge to make the most of their application and maximise their chances of success. Please encourage your students not to miss this opportunity to get ahead with their university application.

ATAR to Uni Success: Applying to Uni with Ease

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2024

Time: 6pm

Anastasia Prevezanos
Careers Advisor

3 April

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27 March

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Primary School Sports News

PSSA Summer Sport Fixtures

Round 1 of Summer PSSA began last Friday 8 March, whilst many of the teams had byes, all the Basketball teams played their first round with great success.

Junior Boys Basketball	LOSS	Regents Park PS	2-6
Junior Girls Basketball	WIN	Regents Park PS	22-0
Senior Boys Basketball	WIN	Regents Park PS	8-4
Senior Girls Basketball	WIN	Regents Park PS	28-4

Due to NAPLAN testing. PSSA summer rounds are on pause. Round 2 resumes Friday 5 April. Training sessions also resume on Thursday 4 April for all teams.

Softball Clinic

In years 5 and 6, students in the non-PSSA sporting groups were treated to an amazing softball clinic organised by the Australian International Sports Organisation. They honed into the fundamental skills of catching, throwing, and batting. Each swing of the bat and every well-executed catch sparked lots of fun, fostering a sense of excitement among the participants. As they immersed themselves in the clinic's activities, they not only enhanced their athletic abilities but also cultivated teamwork and sportsmanship, invaluable lessons they'll carry beyond the softball field.





Flag Football

Flag Football was introduced to our Years 3 and 4 non-PSSA sporting groups by Bring it On Sport who have partnered with Gridiron Australia to introduce this dynamic sport to local schools. Our school eagerly embraced this opportunity, recognising the potential for our students to engage in a thrilling and rapidly growing athletic endeavour. Flag Football, recently designated as an Olympic sport, captured the imagination of the groups as they learned the fundamentals of passing, catching, and strategising plays. Under the guidance of Paul Manera, the managing director of Bring it on Sports, they enthusiastically embraced the sport, enjoying in the exhilaration of each touchdown and interception. Beyond the thrill of competition, the introduction of Flag Football provided our students with valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.



Gina Vourtsanis
Primary Sport Coordinator

Secondary School Sports News

SWISSA Swimming Carnival

The 2024 SWISSA Swimming Carnival hosted by All Saints Grammar will be held at Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre on 15 March 2024. We wish all the competitors all the best. The SWISSA swim squad for the AICES Swimming Championships and the secondary SEC swim squad for the Combined Orthodox Carnival will be selected from this event.

SWISSA Basketball Results

Open Girls	LOSS	St Mary and Minas	9-30
Open Boys	DRAW	St Mary and Minas	31-31
Junior Girls	WIN	All Saints Grammar	22-6
Junior Boys	WIN	All Saints Grammar	27-21



Week 8 Draw

Open Girls	Vs	International Maarif School
Open Boys	Vs	International Maarif School
Junior Girls	Vs	Training in High School Quad
Junior Boys	Vs	Training in High School Quad

Current Team Ranking on ladder

Open Girls	6th
Open Boys	1st
Junior Girls	1st
Junior Boys	1st

Monique Lou
Secondary School Sports Coordinator

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Tour St Euphemia College
28th March



Registration Required



Morning Tour
9:00am to 9:30am

Afternoon Tour
1:30pm to 2:00pm



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