



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8

Principal's Report



Upcoming Events

16 September
St Euphemia Day
School Closed

19 September
Year 11 & 12
Doxology Service
College Leaders

21 September
Youth State
Orthodox
Conference

22 September
St Euphemia
Fete

School is more than a place for learning academic subjects—it's also where students grow into responsible, thoughtful individuals ready to make an impact on the world. One of the most important ways we foster this development is through leadership opportunities, including our Prefects and Student Representative Council (SRC).

School Leaders: Role Models for Success

Our School Leaders set the tone for the entire student body. Whether through organising events, acting as a bridge between students and staff, or simply being a positive influence, they are examples of responsibility and integrity. School Leaders show us that leadership is not just about titles—it's about service. Their hard work makes the school a better place for everyone.

Being a leader also offers valuable life skills. These students learn to manage time, balance responsibilities, communicate effectively, and lead by example. These are skills they'll take with them long after they leave our school.

The SRC: Giving Students a Voice

The Student Representative Council is a vital part of our school community because it gives every student a voice. Representatives are elected by their peers, ensuring that the SRC truly reflects the views and concerns of the entire student body. Whether it's through organising activities, fundraising for causes, or bringing new ideas to the table, the SRC helps make our school a dynamic and inclusive environment.

2025 College Captains and Prefects

On **Thursday 19 September**, the College will be inducting the new 2025 College Captains and Prefects. The role of the Prefect is a position of service within our College. Our Prefects are role models for others, they uphold and reinforce the values and rules of the College, including high standards of dress and behaviour.



Students in Year 11 were invited to self-nominate for the Prefect team and each nominee met with me to discuss their vision for 2025 and why they think they would make a great Prefect. It was an enlightening experience to hear our future leaders speak about their vision for the College, the causes that are closest to their hearts and their excitement at the opportunity to lead initiatives for the betterment of our whole community. I was impressed by their maturity and would like to commend every student on their ability to articulate and share their passion.

As has been the custom here at St Euphemia College, our College leaders in 2025 will include the College Captains and Vice Captains, and, for the first time, we have introduced areas of responsibility for our Prefect body. These areas of responsibility, or portfolios, will lead the SRC representatives in the younger years in the following areas:

- Faith and Social Justice
- Sustainability and Environment
- Sport and Wellbeing
- Middle Leaders Liaison
- Cultural Spirit

Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who took part in the election process. I look forward to introducing the new College Prefect Team in the next newsletter.

Penny Pachos

ST EUPHEMIA COLLEGE
2024 'FETE'
SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER
11am - 4pm

Prepare for a day of sharing, creating memories, and taking part in a variety of enjoyable activities. Here's what to anticipate:

- ✓ Performances ✓ Stalls
- ✓ Fun-filled attractions

MC George Kapiniaris

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Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

It's an exciting week ahead, with plenty of activities and events to look forward to. Please note that Monday is a day off in observance of **St. Euphemia Day**, a special day for our community. We hope you take the opportunity to attend church on Monday and celebrate the significance of the day with your families.

Prep and Kindergarten enrolments

We would like to remind you that enrolments for Prep and Kindergarten 2025 are now open! If you have a child ready to start school in Kindergarten 2025 please contact our Enrolment Officer to book a tour of the school.

Additionally, if your child is due to begin Kindergarten in 2026 and you wish them to attend our Prep class we encourage you to submit your enrolment forms as soon as possible. Securing your spot early helps us plan for the year ahead and ensure we have the resources and support in place for all new students. If you need any assistance with the enrolment process or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Upcoming Events

17 September
Alpha
Production

Year 5
Excursion

18 September
Year 6
Incursion



R U Ok Day

Our students were excited to take part in R U OK? Day activities, promoting the importance of checking in on one another and building strong friendships. Through interactive games, discussions, and creative projects, they learnt how to support their peers and create a positive, caring environment at school. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to connect, show kindness, and strengthen bonds with their classmates!



Year 1 Excursion

On Monday 9 September, Year 1 had a wonderful day out to Auburn Botanic Gardens. Year 1 have been learning about their local area, and features of animals and the different habitats found in their area. The students participated in a bug hunt and constructed animal habitats using natural objects found in the surrounding environment. It was a fun filled day.



Year 2 Planetarium Incursion

On Wednesday, our Year 2 students were thrilled to attend an exciting incursion from Skyworks Planetarium. The visit brought the wonders of the night sky directly into our school, immersing students in a breathtaking star field as thousands of stars lit up the room. Accompanied by engaging commentary on stars, planets, the moon, sun, and constellations, the session captivated both students and teachers alike. It was a truly awe-inspiring experience, sparking curiosity and excitement about the mysteries of space.



Kindergarten

This week in Kindergarten, our young mathematicians have been diving into the fascinating world of shapes and measurement. Through a variety of hands-on activities, our students have had the opportunity to explore the concept of area in a fun and engaging way.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as the children have used an array of manipulatives to bring their geometric ideas to life. From the tactile experience of geoboards to the creativity of whiteboards and craft paper, each tool has provided a unique way for students to experiment with and understand the concept of area.

Our students' enthusiasm for learning has been truly inspiring. Their active participation and curiosity have allowed us to delve deeper into the subject, making the learning experience both enjoyable and educational. The interactive nature of these activities has not only helped them grasp the concept of area but also fostered a love for mathematics that we hope will continue to grow.



Upcoming Fete

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming School Fete on **Sunday 22 September**. The event will begin just after church finishes. This much-anticipated event is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together for a day filled with fun, food, games, and entertainment for all ages.

As part of the celebration, our students will be performing a selection of Greek dances on the day. We ask that students wear a white t-shirt and blue jeans while they are performing. This will help create a uniform look for the performance.

The fete promises to be a fun-packed day, with plenty of activities, stalls, and delicious treats for everyone to enjoy. It's also a wonderful chance to support the school and meet other families in our community.

We can't wait to see you there! Don't forget to mark your calendars and bring along your family and friends to join in the fun.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis

Primary Debate News



On **Friday, 6 September**, our Year 5/6 debate team hosted another exciting IPSHA debate against Meriden Anglican School. The topic of discussion was 'That we should stop selling bottled water'.

Our Affirmative team, comprising of **Elias Abara, Georgina Grapsias, Andrey Savic** and **Christian Savic**, advocated for the cessation of bottled water sales, and emerged victorious with their compelling arguments on the environmental, resource management, health and financial impacts of bottled water. Their confident delivery and excellent rebuttal secured a win for St Euphemia.

Our Negative team, comprising of **Sofia Alevris, Nicole Albaba, Jennifer Sentas** and **Mary Tezaris**, defended the sale of bottled water for its convenience, emergency response, health and employment benefits. Although they narrowly missed out on a win, the debate was extremely tight, with both sides presenting strong, thoughtful cases and rebuttal. Our students held their ground, and the margin was slim, showcasing the high calibre of debate on both sides.

Congratulations to all students who participated for their hard work and dedication! Their efforts truly reflected the spirit of healthy competition. We look forward to future debates and continued success.

Debating Coordinator
Ms Diamant

St Euphemia College supports work life balance for staff and advises that employees are not expected to reply to emails, telephone calls, or text messages from parents (or other members of the School community) which are outside of ordinary work hours (other than in the case of a genuine emergency). If you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Penny Pachos: principal@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au



College Chaplain's Message

If the Gospel was to be summarised into a few sentences, the Gospel Reading from the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (John 3:13-17) may suffice.

The Gospel Reading begins with Jesus foretelling His crucifixion and death for the salvation on the world. He reminds us of the story from the Hebrew Peoples' forty year wandering in the wilderness where the people, led by Moses, had camped in a place which was affected by a plague of venomous snakes. When these snakes would bite people, the people would die.

Moses prayed to God and asked Him for a solution to this deadly plague. God instructed Moses to gather all the bronze in the camp and to make a likeness of the snakes, and to tie this to a pole, thus pre-figuring a type of the Cross. If people were bitten by the snakes, they were to look upon this 'cross' and be healed from the effects of the venom, and thus saved from death.

By recalling this event, Jesus foretells His own crucifixion for the salvation of humankind. Jesus reveals that His voluntary crucifixion is the antidote to the effects of the venom of sin. Just as looking upon the serpent raised in the wilderness saved the people from death, looking upon the Crucified Christ, in a spirit of faith, humility and repentance will save believers from spiritual corruption and death itself.

The Gospel continues with Jesus revealing why He became human. He stated that "God so loved the world, that God gave His Only-begotten Son, so whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (v. 16). Jesus Christ did not come to condemn the world, but to offer healing and salvation for those who would believe in Him and follow His example of love, compassion and service.

Jesus' crucifixion is not just a historical event; it is a powerful call to personal transformation. His voluntary crucifixion and death frees humanity from the grip of sinful passions and the alienation they cause. The path of the Gospel leads us away from sin and corruption and toward a life of faith, hope, and communion with God. Christ's example of love, compassion and service becomes the model for those who seek to follow Him, guiding them toward a life of spiritual freedom, light and eternal life.

Fr Peter Mavrommatis



STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE OF NSW * 2024

CHURCH OF SAINT EUPHEMIA
6-12 East Terrace, Bankstown

8.00 AM: DIVINE LITURGY
9.30 AM: REGISTRATION AND MORNING TEA
10.15 AM: COMMENCEMENT

Keynote Speaker: ——— ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS OF AUSTRALIA
Theme: **We are ready for the future**

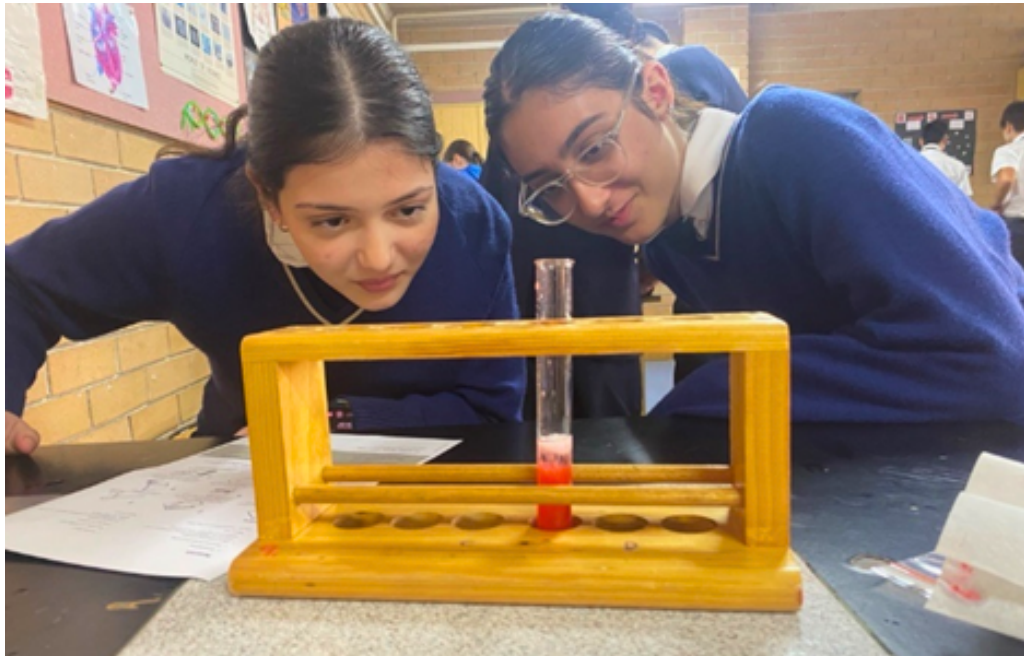
Guest Speaker: ——— DR PHILIP KARIATLIS
Theme: The Church and the Future – Where are we going? How do we get there?

Guest Speaker: ——— JONATHAN WILLMOT & HARRISON WHITFIELD
Theme: My Future in Orthodoxy

Panel Discussion: ——— FR TIMOTHY KLINTSARIS, FR ASTERIOS AND PREBYTERA ZOURIAKAS, DR PHILIP KARIATLIS, EVAN NUNER AND ISABELLA OLGERS

WORKSHOPS - MAKING A PROSFORD: LAMBROS LAMBROU • BYZANTINE CHANTING AND MUSIC: BASILIOS PSILACOS • ICONOGRAPHY: KOSTA AND ANASTASIA MITSI • CHURCH ETIQUETTE: BISHOP CHRISTODOULOS OF MAGNESIA

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Year 10 Strawberry DNA Extraction

Our Year 10 Science students recently conducted a fascinating experiment to extract DNA from strawberries, bringing their understanding of genetics to life.

Students used common household items to extract DNA from strawberries, a fruit chosen for its high DNA content, making the extraction process easier to observe.

As the alcohol was added, students were able to see the DNA strands appear as a white, cloudy substance floating at the interface between the alcohol and the strawberry mixture. This hands-on experiment allowed students to physically see and touch DNA, making abstract concepts more tangible.

This experiment is a steppingstone to more complex studies in genetics. Next, students will explore the role of DNA in inheritance and how genetic information is passed from one generation to the next.

Theony Nikas
Faculty Coordinator Science

Careers News

UAC

Year 12 Video Advice from UAC – How to Apply

Step-by-step instructions for starting your application as a Year 12 student, including entering your Year 12 student number and UAC PIN.

[Click Here](#)

Steps to Apply to University

If you are unsure about what you would like to do when you finish school and are wondering if university is for you, you are not alone. Just remember that university is not only for the brightest students or for those with a specific career path in mind. University is for anyone who is committed to reaching their full potential and wants to acquire the skills and experience to achieve their goals.

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Keep your options open by taking the time to understand how the university application process works, how institutions use the ATAR to select students, non-ATAR pathways to tertiary study and the many levels of financial support available to you.

Anastasia Prevezanos
Careers Advisor



Year 9 Food Technology

The assessment practical assigned to Year 9 Food Technology students by Ms. McCormack was to develop a new "movie-long" snack that would entice movie guests for the chosen film. The task required students to design a snack that aligned perfectly with the theme of the selected movie, appealing to the targeted audience. Each student had a total of two periods to complete this practical, with everyone working in the same environment and under the same conditions.

Overall, it was a very successful experience, as each student had the opportunity to showcase their abilities and explore their creativity. Some students chose the movie *Minions* and designed kid-friendly cupcakes targeted at children, while others selected *Titanic* and created a soft and salty pretzel that evoked the salty waters of the ocean.

In conclusion, it was wonderful to see each student remain open-minded and innovative with their ideas, demonstrating both their skills and their ability to learn. Every student performed to their full potential and achieved the goals they set out to accomplish.

Anastasia Grapsias



Food Technology

On **Wednesday 11 September**, our Years 9 and 10 Food Technology classes had an enjoyable and productive day assembling and decorating their own celebration cakes. The students learned invaluable skills from **Vanessa of Sydney Dessert Co** about the proper techniques for stacking, crumb coating, and decorating their cakes. They were engaged throughout the day and took great pride in their creations. Congratulations to all our students for their hard work and excellent behaviour. We eagerly anticipate seeing how our Year 10 students will apply these new skills in their upcoming assessment task in a few weeks!

Joanna Nasim & Rosanne McCormack





Secondary School Sports News

AICES Athletics Carnival

The AICES Athletics Carnival was held at Sydney Olympic Park on 10 September 2024. Our students performed at their best, competing against athletes from over 100 independent schools across NSW. While some may not have achieved their desired outcomes, many reached personal bests and improved upon their SWISSA results.

Some notable achievements include:

- **Mila Drageljevic:** 2nd in High Jump, 6th in Long Jump
- **Angelo Mamalioga:** 2nd in 100m, 2nd in 200m, 5th in 800m
- **Alexander Rigas:** 5th in Discus
- **Archilles Rigas:** 4th in Javelin

Mila and Angelo have qualified to represent AICES at the CIS Athletics Championships on 24 September 2024. We wish them the best of luck in their events.

A special thank you to the parents and caregivers who dedicated their time to transporting and encouraging our students, and to **Mr. Papadimatos** for assisting as an AICES official. We are blessed to have a supportive community.

SWISSA Competition

OzTag

The Term 3 OzTag season is coming to an end with our Junior Boys competing in one last game before semifinals and finals week. As the remaining OzTag teams await for the season's final ladder, all students must be training with their coaches next week. Support and sportsmanship is demonstrated in many ways including the consistent attendance of all training sessions.

Next Week's OzTag Draw

Junior Boys	vs	St Mary and Minas
Senior Boys		Training
Open Gils A		Training
Open Girls B		Training



Netball

17 September will mark the last game of the season before the finals. Our Senior Girls Netball team is firmly in 2nd place on the ladder, and regardless of next week's outcome, their season-long efforts have secured them a spot in the finals with a chance to become SWISSA champions. As for the Junior Girls, the competition is tight, and their result this coming Tuesday will determine whether they advance to the finals.

Senior Girls	vs	St Mary and Minas
Junior Girls	vs	St Mary and Minas

Monique Lou
Sports Coordinator



P&F update

Fete volunteers

We need your help to make it a success!

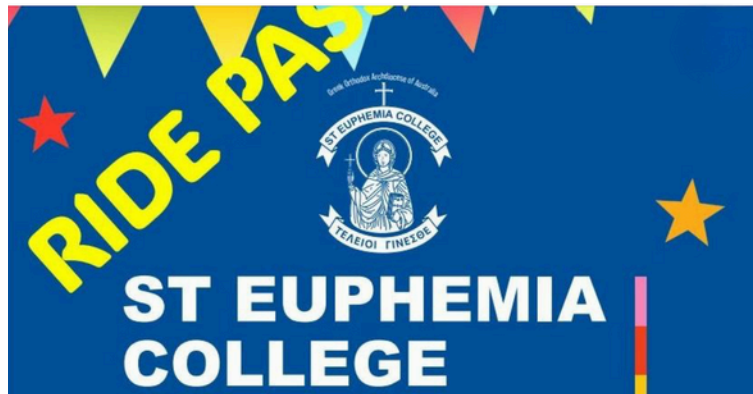
We're looking for volunteers to assist with various activity throughout the day. Even a couple of hours of your time would be greatly appreciated and will help ensure a memorable event for our community. A schedule will be shared soon.

Sydney FC is excited to announce its support for this year's Fete! As part of the celebration, Sydney FC will be giving away four general admission tickets to any Sydney FC home game this season. These tickets will be awarded to the 100th individual who purchases a Pre-Sale Ride Pass. Don't miss your chance to win!

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