



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 4

Principal's Report



Upcoming Events

14 November
Year 7

Orientation and
Welcome BBQ

As we enter the Nativity Fasting period next week, it's time to begin thinking about families in our community who find this time of the year challenging. The College would like to extend a helping hand to our local community, be it in a small way, by gifting Christmas hampers. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together to make Christmas special for everyone, especially those in need.

We invite all students to participate by donating non-perishable food items and toiletries. Every Homeroom in the Secondary School and every classroom in the Primary School will have a basket for donations. Each donation, no matter how small, makes a significant impact. Every can of food or tube of toothpaste adds up to create a hamper that will provide relief and bring smiles to families facing difficult times.

To help fill each hamper with essentials and a little holiday cheer, here are some examples of items students can donate:

Non-perishable foods: Canned vegetables and fruits, soups, pasta, rice, cereals, chocolate, lollies and snacks.

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, and other personal care items.

Together, we can create hampers filled with love, kindness, and practical items that families can use during the holiday season.

Let's work together to make this Christmas memorable and joyful for everyone. Your contributions will help bring warmth and happiness to those who might otherwise go without. This is our chance to share the true spirit of the season by showing kindness and generosity.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Penny Pachos



Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

Prefect Body 2025

We are incredibly proud to announce our Prefect Body for 2025. The following students have been chosen to represent our school.



Boys

Johnny Stratikopoulos (**Captain**)
Dimitrios Kaffes (**Vice captain**)
Jacob Khouzame
Zane Masri
Nicholas Tsardoulis
Vasilije Veljovic

Girls

Nicole Albaba (**Captain**)
Irene Chambouras (**Vice Captain**)
Evie Constantinou
Demi Daskalopoulos
Evelyn Kappas
Anastasia Tzouramanis
Cleoniki Zeidan

Wishing you all a fantastic and fulfilling journey as our school leaders!

Kindergarten Transition

On Tuesday 5 November, we welcomed our newest and youngest learners as they began their transition into school life! The transition session, led by Ms Dinoris, Ms Katerina and Ms Alexis, was designed to help our little ones feel comfortable, safe and excited as they embarked on this new journey.

The sessions also allowed our parents to meet with Ms Pappas and learn more about the vibrant learning environment and the expectations of Kindergarten.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us and to our amazing new students for bringing so much joy and energy to our school community! Welcome to our family—we're so excited for the journey ahead!

Upcoming Events

12 November
Kindergarten
Transition 2

Cake Stall

14 November
Years 3 & 4
Science
Incursion



Prep

As part of their learning journey through the alphabet, our Prep students recently focused on the letter “P” – and what better way to celebrate than by making delicious pizzas! To make this experience even more memorable, our Year 12 students joined in to help the Preps in this hands-on learning activity.

Year 1

On Friday 1 November, our Year One students enjoyed an enriching excursion to Hazelhurst Arts Centre. The day provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to explore the world of art and creativity in an engaging, hands-on environment.

The visit began with a guided tour of the art gallery, where the children observed and discussed various works of art. After exploring the gallery, the students participated in an exciting workshop where they designed their own urns inspired by the themes of Greek mythology.



Year 3

Year 3 students had a fantastic time exploring heat energy through fun popcorn experiments. They investigated how heat affects popcorn kernels, observing the changes as the kernels transformed into fluffy popcorn. Students learned about heat transfer, why popcorn pops, and discussed different heat sources used in their experiments. This hands-on activity was a perfect way to spark curiosity about science, and the delicious results made learning about energy even more exciting.

Elizabeth Xanthoudakis



College Chaplain's Message

In the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus uses the lives of two contrasting people to show us the way into His Kingdom.

Firstly, Jesus describes the rich man. The rich man, who's name is not known because it is not recorded in the Book of Life, is described as being one who was dressed in the finest clothes and who feasted sumptuously on a daily basis. He lived in a beautiful home and enjoyed all the good things of this life.

In contrast, Jesus described poor Lazarus who was destitute and lived at the door of the rich man's home. He was sick and covered in sores, but was grateful to receive the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table.

Jesus continued His teaching by saying that the two men died. While the rich man was simply buried, Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's embrace.

In the afterlife, Jesus tells us that the two recognised each other, as we all will. Lazarus was being rewarded for his faith and perseverance, for his trust in God's providence and his gratitude for even the little that he had received, while the rich man was being tormented in the flames.

Not being able to bear the suffering, the rich man called out to Abraham and asked him to send Lazarus to him to help him. It is interesting that the rich man still considered Lazarus as inferior, as a kind of servant. Yet, Abraham revealed to the rich man that the chasm between heaven and hell cannot be traversed.

At this, the rich man thought of his brothers and asked that Lazarus at least go and warn them, so that they could change their ways and avoid the torments of hell, but Abraham again told him that they have the law and the prophets – God's revelation to guide them.

From the parable we understand that riches and poverty are not good or bad in and of themselves. Virtue lies in how we respond to our wealth or poverty. Although had nothing, Lazarus was grateful for the scraps that he ate. Only God knows how many times he offered thanksgiving to God for the small blessings that he received. He used his poverty to his advantage.

On the other hand, the rich man failed to use his riches wisely. How many times did the rich man have the opportunity to help Lazarus? How many times did he get upset that Lazarus was in his way? How many times did he abuse him? Could he not see that Lazarus was giving him the opportunity to show compassion and love? Could he not take advantage of his wealth by sharing it with Lazarus? Could he not see past himself to serve the other?

As we continue our journeys, let us not fall into the rich man's habits. Let us rather look for every Lazarus in our lives. Let us minister to the lonely, the hungry, the homeless, the sick, the elderly, the grieving – every Lazarus! Let us not miss the opportunity to share the blessings we have received from God with those in need. We can all spend some of our time checking in with those who are lonely. We can all spend some time visiting the sick and elderly. We can all comfort those who are grieving or afraid. We can all share some of our material blessings with those not as blessed.

Let us remember the words of Saint Arsenie, "a poor man when he reaches out to you does not beg, but offers you the Kingdom of God." Let us see the image of God in our fellow person and minister to each person according to their specific needs knowing that "whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full" (Prov 19:17).

Fr Peter Mavrommatis

[Click here for
Parish Calendar](#)



Year 8 Science



This week, our Year 8 students have embarked on an exciting journey into the world of functioning organisms, exploring the inner workings of plant life. Recently, they took a hands-on approach to learning by dissecting a lily flower, allowing them to observe and identify the various structures that contribute to a flower's function and reproduction.

In this practical activity, students examined the essential parts of the flower, including the petals, stamen, and pistil.

They learned how each structure contributes to pollination and seed production, gaining insights into the vital role flowers play in plant reproduction and the broader ecosystem.

Through this dissection, Year 8 students not only reinforced their understanding of plant physiology but also developed valuable skills in observation, critical thinking, and scientific inquiry. This experience has sparked curiosity and appreciation for the intricate designs in nature, adding a highlight to their practical studies.

Theony Nikas
Faculty Coordinator



Primary School Debate Team Shines at IPSHA Gala Day



The highlight of this season was taking part in the IPSHA Debating Gala Day. On Monday 4 November 2024, our talented Primary School Debate Team proudly represented St Euphemia College at the IPSHA Gala Day Debating event, hosted at Abbotsleigh Anglican School, showcasing their skills and demonstrating exceptional preparation, teamwork, and confidence throughout.

Throughout the day, the adjudicators praised out teams for their unified team cases, strong arguments, excellent signposting, and clever rebuttals. Our debaters were especially commended for their mastery in the 'manner' category, in their articulate expression, clear and powerful voice delivery, speaking style, engaging eye contact and confident posture.

We're incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements demonstrated at the IPSHA Gala Day. Congratulations to the students who represented our School; Andrey, Christian, Sofia, Jennifer, Mary, Georgina, Ellene and Evelyn.

Ms A Diamant
Debating Coordinator

Uniform Shop New Opening Hours

3pm- 5:30pm Tuesday's and Thursday's please book your appointment.

Holiday Hours

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Primary Sport

PSSA

Summer PSSA has resumed this term, with our Cricket, Softball, T-Ball, and Basketball teams competing for the final time in the PSSA competition. It was great to see the sun shining and the start of the rounds once again.

The following scores are from round 7 - Friday 1 November.

Team	Played Against	Score
Senior Boys' Basketball	Chester Hill	Won 24 - 8
Senior Girls' Basketball	Chester Hill	Won 22 - 10
Junior Boys' Basketball	Regents Park	Loss 2 - 12
Junior Girls' Basketball	Regents Park	Won 30 - 2
Softball Girls	Malek Fahd	Won 12 - 0
Softball Boys	Malek Fahd	Won 12 - 4
TBall Girls	Bass Hill	Won 15 - 13
TBall Boys	Bass Hill	Loss 9 - 11
Senior Cricket	BYE	
Junior Cricket	BYE	

The fixtures for round 8, for Friday 8 November are as follows:

Team	Playing Against	Venue
Senior Boys' Basketball	Banksia Road	Bankstown Basketball Stadium
Senior Girls' Basketball	Banksia Road	Bankstown Basketball Stadium
Junior Boys' Basketball	Greenacre	Bankstown Basketball Stadium
Junior Girls' Basketball	Greenacre	Bankstown Basketball Stadium
Softball Girls	Banksia Road	Kinch Reserve
Softball Boys	Banksia Road	Kinch Reserve
TBall Girls	Bye	Training at O'Neil Park
TBall Boys	Bye	Training at O'Neil Park
Senior Cricket	Bankstown North	Jim Ring Reserve
Junior Cricket	Bankstown North	Jim Ring Reserve

Games are due to begin by 10:00am and end by 12:00pm.



Basketball Boomers



The Basketball Boomers program is back in full swing for our non-PSSA groups on Fridays, and our students couldn't be more excited! Under the energetic guidance of Coach Carol, our Primary students from Years 3 to 6 are not only staying active but also diving into a world of basketball skills—from dribbling and shooting to teamwork and strategy. Coach Carol's enthusiasm is infectious, and the students are picking up skills they'll carry with them both on and off the court. We can't wait to see their confidence and coordination grow with each session!

Gina Vourtsanis
Primary Sport Coordinator

Secondary School Sports News



SWISSA Basketball Gala Day

Congratulations to the Open Boys Basketball Team for their outstanding performance at the recent SWISSA Basketball Gala Day! The boys demonstrated skill and teamwork, finishing the event as undefeated champions with an impressive 145-point goal difference. Their hard work and dedication were clearly evident in every game. This means that they will proceed to represent SWISSA at the AICES Schools Basketball Cup and selected students will form a combined SWISSA team to compete at the AICES Open Boys Basketball Championships in 2025.



The Open Girls Basketball Team also deserves recognition for their resilience and determination. Though they placed 4th overall, the girls displayed tenacity and a fighting spirit throughout the day. Both teams represented our school with pride and sportsmanship!

A huge thank you to Father Peter and Ms. Edhouse for their invaluable coaching and guidance of the teams. Their dedication and support played a key role in our players' growth and success. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the student bench scorers, whose efforts behind the scenes were crucial in keeping the event organised and running smoothly. Their commitment allowed me to manage the different courts effectively, ensuring the day's success.

The day's results can be found here:

<https://www.swissa.org/swissa-sports/2018/11/2/basketball-gala-day>

SWISSA Volleyball Competition

This Week's Results

Senior Boys	v	St Marouns College	2-1	WIN
Junior Boys	v	St Mary and Minas Coptic Orthodox College	2-0	WIN
Senior Girls	v	International Maarif School	2-0	WIN
Senior Girls	v	Redeemer Baptist School	2-0	WIN
Junior Girls	v	St Mary and Minas Coptic Orthodox College	2-0	WIN

Next Week's Fixtures

Senior Boys	v	St Marks College
Junior Boys	v	St Marks College
Senior Girls	v	St Mary and Minas Coptic Orthodox College
Senior Girls	v	St Marks College
Junior Girls	v	Training at School

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia National Schools Event (GOAANSE)

We are excited to announce that the **Greek Orthodox Archdiocese National Schools Event (GOAANSE)** will be held next year from **Tuesday 6 May to Friday 9 May 2025**, hosted by **St Andrews Grammar** in Perth. GOAANSE is a four-day national celebration, highlighting our rich Greek culture through sports, dance, music, and spoken arts.

Represent St Euphemia College

St Euphemia College will be proudly represented at GOAANSE 2025, and we invite all interested students to try out for our school's team selections. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your talents, engage with Greek culture, and foster connections with peers from Greek Orthodox schools across Australia.



Selections will be held for the following sports, for Open Boys and Open Girls teams:

Volleyball

Futsal

Basketball

Outdoor Soccer

Netball (Girls only)

Please Note:

Only a limited number of students will be selected for each team.

There will be no separate team selection for **Spoken and Performing Arts** or **Table Tennis**; Students selected for other sports teams will have the opportunity to participate in these events, provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Tryout Schedule and Participation Requirements

- Selections will commence later this term, and a detailed tryout schedule will be distributed soon.
- Students interested in representing St Euphemia College must commit to participating in at least two events.
- As representatives of St Euphemia College, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct.
- GOAANSE is a College excursion. Positive Behaviour expectations apply, along with additional Tour rules and a specific player's code of conduct.

Event Costs and Fundraising

The cost for each student to participate in GOAANSE is **\$1800**, which includes flights, accommodation, and bus transportation. Please be aware that additional costs may apply. While subsidies are not available, we will organise **fundraising opportunities** to help families manage any extra expenses.

Get Involved!

We encourage all eligible students to get involved and seize this chance to represent St Euphemia College at GOAANSE 2025. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Start preparing now for what promises to be an unforgettable celebration of culture, friendship, and competition!

College BBQ Fundraiser

Thursday 14 November

\$4 sausage in a roll

\$6 sausage in a roll with a can of drink

Support our 2025 GOAANSE Team!



Parents and Friends

P&F Student Function

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DISCO PARTY

FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER 2024
COLLEGE HALL

COST: \$10.00 INCL PIZZA & DRINK

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YR 3 - YR 6 FROM 6.00PM - 8.00PM

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PRE-PAID TICKETS ONLY

Tickets must be purchased by 26 November

Parent survey

We greatly appreciate your support you bring to our fundraising efforts. As we plan for the coming year, we'd love to invite your input on how best to invest the money raised through our fundraising initiatives.

Your feedback will help us understand what matters most to you and your children and identify priorities that align with our shared vision for the school. Whilst not all requests can be fulfilled, we'll thoughtfully consider each suggestion and develop a priority list based on feedback received.

To have your say, please fill out our short survey by Friday 29th November.

P&F Executive Team

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16.11.2024

THE LEMNOS
44 ALBERT STREET BELMORE 2192
6:30PM

3 COURSE MEAL
ALL DRINKS (EXCLUDING SPIRITS)

BOUZOUKI SHOW / DJ / GREEK
DANCING PERFORMANCES
DRESS CODE: BLACK TIE

TICKETS
ADULT: \$130
CHILDREN 2-12 YEARS: \$75



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