



St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3

Principal's Report



Upcoming Events

7 November
Year 7
Orientation
Session 2

Celebrating Oxi Day

This Monday, October 28th, we came together to celebrate Oxi Day, a day of national pride and reflection. "Oxi," meaning "no" in Greek, marks the day in 1940 when Greece rejected an ultimatum from Axis forces, standing up with courage and unity against occupation. In Greece and amongst our Greek community in Australia, this day serves as a powerful reminder of resilience and patriotism.

Our College marked Oxi Day at our parish church St Euphemia and at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of Our Lady with wreath laying ceremonies and poetry recitals. Our students in both the Primary School and Secondary School held special assemblies that honoured this history, celebrating the spirit of standing firm for our values.

Preparing for Exam Success

With exams just around the corner for all our students, it's the perfect time to start revising, building a study schedule, and setting yourself up for success. The key is be organised and consistent in your preparation and follow up with your teachers if there are concepts you find challenging.

Here are some tips to help you stay on track and make the most of your study sessions:

1. Plan Ahead

Set a study schedule that breaks down subjects into manageable parts each day. Doing a bit each day can prevent last-minute cramming and lower stress.

2. Set Clear Goals

Establish specific goals for each study session, such as completing a chapter or reviewing key concepts. Goals help keep you focused and motivated.

3. Take Regular Breaks

Studies show that short breaks can improve focus and memory. Try studying in 25- to 50-minute blocks with 5- to 10-minute breaks in between.

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5. Ask for Help

Don't hesitate to reach out to teachers, classmates, or family members if you need help with a topic. Sometimes, explaining or discussing concepts can reinforce your understanding.

6. Practise with Past Papers

Practising with past exam papers can be a great way to get familiar with the format and types of questions that might appear, giving you a feel for time management as well.

Good luck to everyone as you begin your preparation—let's make these upcoming exams a celebration of our growth and commitment!

Penny Pachos

60
years
1964-2024

**ST EUPHEMIA
60 YEARS
GALA DINNER**

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**

**FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT
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Deputy Principal's Report - Primary

OXI DAY



Upcoming Events

4 November
IPSHA Gala
Debating

5 Tuesday
November
Kindergarten
Transition 1

October 28 holds great significance in Greek history as we commemorate OXI Day. In 1940, when Greece faced the threat of invasion, the then-Prime Minister Ioannis Metaxas famously replied with a single word: "Oxi," meaning "No." For Greece, OXI Day has come to symbolise the courage to stand up for what is right, even when the odds are against you. Greece's refusal to surrender is remembered not only as a source of national pride but also as an enduring example of courage, integrity and sacrifice.

On this day, parents were invited to join the commemoration, watching proudly as the students performed poems, songs, and traditional Greek dances in honour of the bravery and resilience shown by their ancestors.



Opening of New Playground



We are thrilled to announce the opening of our brand-new synthetic grass area, designed for all students from Kindergarten through to Year 6. This beautiful new space will provide our students with a safe and fun environment to play, learn, and enjoy outdoor activities.

The synthetic grass surface offers a soft, all-weather area that's perfect for everything from sports games and physical education classes to lunchtime play and quiet relaxation. Not only does it ensure our students have a space that stays green and usable all year, but it also minimises the risk of injuries and gives students a fantastic place to connect with their peers.



Year 1

This term, our Year 1 students have been practising their drawing skills by designing a 'Wanted' poster for none other than Ralfy Rabbit, the mischievous character from the book called *Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit*, by Emily MacKenzie.

The story of Ralfy, the book-loving bunny with a habit of 'borrowing' books from others, inspired our young artists to imagine what a real WANTED poster might look like. The students worked hard on their illustrations, carefully considering Ralfy's unique features—his ears, his sneaky expression, and of course, his love for books!



Prep and Kindergarten Enrolments

Enrolments for our 2025 Prep and Kindergarten programs are still open! Our nurturing and dynamic learning environments provide the perfect foundation for your child's educational journey. If you would like to learn more or schedule a tour, please contact the College.

ENROLLING NOW

Learning, laughter, and
new beginnings —
discover it all in Prep

Call our Enrolment Officer
to organise a school tour
on 97968240 or email
office@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au



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BOOKINGS

After School Care

Extend supports your family with flexible, easy booking options to suit all family requirements including:

- No enrolment, membership or administration fees
- A 10 minute, once off, online enrolment process
- The ability to book on the go, up to one minute in advance, from any device
- Flexible payment options.

For further information on your schools program and to enrol, please visit extend.com.au.

EARLY BIRD RATE*

- Booking 14 days in advance will give you access to the Early Bird Rate
- Fees are per session per child. Visit extend.com.au for a full list of fees.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY^

- Based on a maximum possible entitlement of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)
- To find out what level of CCS you are entitled to, visit www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy or call 13 61 50.

SCAN THE QR CODE AND MAKE YOUR BOOKINGS TODAY!



Elizabeth Xanthoudakis

Uniform Shop New Opening Hours

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

If you are unable to visit during these times, you can conveniently place your orders online at steuphemiauniformshop.com



College Chaplain's Message

The Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday of Luke (Luke 8:41-56) recounts two of Jesus' miracles.

Jesus was in a certain village and many people had gathered around Him. They had possibly heard of His healings, His stilling of the storm or His wise teachings. Perhaps they too had come to ask Him for help or guidance. They had gathered in such numbers that Saint Luke records Saint Peter saying that they were crushing against Jesus.

In this crowd, two people are given special mention. One was Jairus and the other was a lady who had been suffering from a flow of blood. Both of them stood out for their faith and both were rewarded by Jesus for their faith.

Jairus was one of the rulers of the synagogue. His only child, a daughter of about twelve, was at the point of death. Facing the reality of his daughter's mortality, he ran out to Jesus and asked Him to heal his daughter.

Whilst we see this as normal for a father, it is important to consider that many people were cautious of approaching Jesus, since many of the authorities had declared that anyone who confessed Jesus as the Saviour would be cast out of the synagogue. Jairus himself may have been one of these people. However, acknowledging Jesus' authority over the living and the dead, he approached humbly.

While Jesus was still conversing with Jairus, and about to make His way to his home, a lady pushed through the crowd to reach Jesus. She had suffered with a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all of her livelihood on doctors, but alas, not only was she not cured, her health had become worse!

Seeing Jesus, she too braved the crowd in order to be healed. Although the Law of Moses considered her unclean and forbade her from being with other people lest they become ritually unclean, she approached Jesus knowing He would heal her. The throng of people meant she could not get close enough to speak to Him, but was able to just touch the hem of His garment. And the miracle happened! Immediately she was healed.

Knowing she was healed, Jesus asked who it was who touched Him. This was not because He did not know, but to offer the lady an opportunity to give glory to God. While Saint Peter said there was no way of knowing who touched Jesus, Jesus said that power had gone forth from Him.

Knowing that she could not hide, she proclaimed the whole truth. Jesus responded with "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace", showing that each person participates actively in the acquisition of Divine Grace.

There is no doubt that Jairus would have been encouraged by the lady's healing, but he was heartbroken when a messenger came to him saying that his daughter had died. Jesus immediately said, "she will be well".

When Jesus went to Jairus' home, the people were weeping. Despite Jesus saying she is not dead, they mocked Him, knowing that she had died. Jesus went into the room where she lay and raised her from the dead, restoring her to her family.

This Gospel account reveals Jesus as having power and authority over the living and the dead. Yet, while we marvel at God's wonders, let us reflect on the marvel of faith shown by Jairus and the woman. They were not afraid to put their trust in God. They were not afraid of people's opinions of them. They knew God would respond to their petition.

Let us then, cast off all doubt and fear, and place our hope and trust in God, knowing that He will give us comfort and consolation, and will grant us all that is good and beneficial for our souls.

Fr Peter Mavrommatis

[Click here for
Parish Calendar](#)



Year 7 Orientation



We are thrilled to welcome our new Year 7 students as they embark on an exciting journey at St Euphemia College! Our first Orientation session marked the beginning of this adventure, focused on fostering connections and setting the foundation for a successful start to secondary school.

Session 1 was all about "Breaking the Ice." Under the guidance of their dedicated Peer Support Leaders from Year 10, students explored conversation starters, received tips on making friends, and toured the school. With the support of their Peer Leaders, Year 7 students gained insights into classrooms, subjects, and teachers, ensuring they feel more at home in their new environment. The camaraderie and energy displayed were inspiring, with everyone embracing the opportunity to form connections that will no doubt enrich their school experience.

Next up in Session 2, students will dive into our PBIS Values and explore study skills, covering essentials like reading timetables, understanding assessment schedules, and strategies for staying organised. This guidance will empower them to develop productive study habits early on, ensuring a smooth transition to the demands of secondary school.

Thank you to all the students and staff who have helped make our Orientation sessions so engaging and valuable. We look forward to watching our Year 7 cohort grow, supported by an outstanding community of mentors, friends, and teachers.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, who showed incredible enthusiasm and leadership, embodying our school values. These leaders will continue to play a vital role in fostering a welcoming environment throughout Orientation.

Our Peer Support Leaders are:

Mr. Panayotopoulos
Director of Learning

Parents and Friends

Infants and Primary School Disco

We're excited to announce a night of music, lights and fun! This term, we're hosting an exciting disco party for our infants and primary students! It's time for our students to put their dancing shoes on and get ready for an unforgettable night with friends.

When: Friday 29th November

Infants (K - 2): 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Primary (3 - 6): 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Save the date! More details to follow shortly.



**YEAR 7 ORIENTATION
2025**

31st Oct
2:10pm to 3:10pm
Welcome | Tour | Timetables

7th November:
2:10pm to 3:10pm
Study skills | PBIS Values

14th November:
1:10pm to 3:10pm
A Taste of Secondary School

3:30pm to 6:30pm
BBQ Meet and Greet
Presentation

Contact Mr. Panayotopoulos for more information
mpanayotopoulos@steuphemia.nsw.edu.au

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Please inform the College if you have any specific dietary requirements. You are welcome to bring a plate of food or dessert.

[RSVP Essential Click here](#) by 7 November 2024

You may also view your child's [Year 7 Orientation Guide](#) with the link provided.

If you are unable to attend any of the workshops, I recommend watching our prerecorded sessions.

Videos here



St Euphemia College was honoured to be invited to the Greek Welfare Centre Community Services' 28th October Celebration, held at Sts Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church in Newtown. Our students, George Katris (Year 8) and Nicholas Tziavaras-Kokkolis, captivated the audience with their recitations of two moving poems commemorating this historic day. Ms. Prevezanos delivered the official address, underscoring the day's significance. It was heartwarming to witness the appreciation and gratitude expressed by the elderly members of our community toward our students.

Secondary School Sports News

SWISSA Volleyball Results

Senior Boys	v	All Saints Grammar School	2-0	WIN
Senior Boys	v	St Mary and St Minas	2-0	WIN
Junior Boys	v	All Saints Grammar School	2-0	WIN
Senior Girls	v	All Saints Grammar School	2-1	WIN
Senior Girls	v	St Marouns	2-0	WIN
Junior Girls	v	All Saints Grammar School	2-0	WIN

SWISSA Basketball Gala Day

St Euphemia convened the SWISSA Basketball Gala Day on Friday 01 November 2024. Selected students represented our College at this event and may be further selected to form a combined SWISSA team who will go on to compete at the AICES Basketball Championships in 2025.