



# The Lantern

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On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, it is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As our first and only Australian saint, it is timely to reflect on her contribution. I have just returned from a pilgrimage with principals from the Parramatta Diocese. Father Walter Fogarty, parish priest of Sacred Heart, Westmead, led the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage had the focus of Into the Desert and we began in Melbourne, where we visited the place of Mary's baptism, the MacKillop Heritage Centre and St Patrick's Cathedral. We travelled to Adelaide and celebrated mass at Mary MacKillop Chapel, Kensington. Mary's presence was strong as we prayed together. We travelled to Penola and celebrated the Eucharist at St Joseph's Church, where Mary would have worshipped. We visited the original schoolhouse where the foundations for education in the Josephite tradition were laid. Our pilgrimage then led us to Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Alice Springs. We visited Hermannsburg and the Santa Teresa Mission. At the Santa Teresa Mission, we celebrated mass with the community. Inside the small church we joined with members of the indigenous community to give praise and give thanks. It is a spiritual experience that will be with me forever.

Throughout the pilgrimage, I was given opportunities to reflect on St Mary of the Cross. St Mary was a woman of enduring faith, who said that, "God's presence seems to follow me everywhere and makes everything I do, or wish to do, a prayer." She saw a need in the community to help women in poverty and distress and to educate and feed children, and she did something about it. Her journey to the formation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart was not an easy one and she met many obstacles. However, she did not give up, indeed she became more focussed and more determined. St Mary observed, "Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." Her belief in God was unwavering, 'when I could not see my way, God kept my heart full of trust.'

## Diary Dates

**Mon 10th - Tues 11th**  
HSC TRIALS

**Mon 10th August**  
HSC CAPA Performance Evening  
6.30pm – 7.30 pm

**Sat Aug 15th**  
Feast of the Assumption Day

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Whilst St Mary travelled vast distances in South Australia to do her work, often under difficult circumstances, she did so with gentleness and courage. Her desert was often a metaphoric one, a spiritual desert to which she brought the Good News to those who were poor and downtrodden. She said that at times we feel our crosses hard and that our courage should rise with the crosses.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is an inspiration for us all. She lived an ordinary life extraordinarily well. Each of us is called to serve others. In the example of St Mary, we have the challenge to work for those who are in need, who struggle, who are new to our country, who do not have the opportunities that are afforded to so many of us. As we celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's feast day, we can reflect on her life, her legacy and the responsibility that has been passed to us to continue her work.

### Prayer to Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Most loving God, we thank for the example of St Mary of the Cross,

who, in her living of the Gospel, witnessed to the human dignity of each person.

She faced life's challenges with faith and courage.

We pray through her intercessions for our needs.

We give thanks, Gracious God, that St Mary of the Cross is for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, a heavenly patroness and advocate.

Through her prayers, increase our knowledge and love of you.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

God bless,

Delma Horan

## **From the Assistant Principal**

Once again discipline, determination and dedication has delivered success. Our girls won the Bring It On Dance competition last week. This is an incredible achievement considering the calibre of the competition. Congratulations to Mrs Concato, Miss Attwood and the girls. The whole community is so very proud of you.

Many girls show these same winning attributes day in and day out in the classroom. Teachers report that the new semester has started well with most girls showing a desire to improve on their learning from Semester One. I recently spoke at assembly about the importance of time management so that the girls have time to submit drafts of their work in order to receive feedback so that when they do finally submit the task they have had the opportunity to refine it.

Please encourage your daughters to have a home study program. The girls should follow this program so that there is not that last minute rush to get a task completed and submitted on time. When this is the case there is no time for editing and polishing of the final product.

Our planning for the 50th Anniversary is well in hand. Elsewhere in this edition you will find details about the weekend of November 21 and 22. Please register for both or one of the major events as soon as possible. There is a limited number of places for the Saturday anniversary dinner. Please do not miss out!

One of the secrets to a successful school experience for your daughter is a strong and authentic relationship between home and school. I encourage you to contact your daughter's teachers if you have any questions or concerns. It is always best to deal with issues in their infancy instead of allowing them to become major barriers to learning.

Mr Michael Hall

## **From the Leader of Teaching and Learning**

### **Students and Sleep**

#### **How much sleep does your daughter need?**

Different people need a different amount of sleep in order to function optimally during the day. Whilst most adults need about 8 hours sleep a night, teenagers need more like 9 hours and 15 minutes sleep per night. Working out how much sleep your daughter needs will take a little time and perseverance. Get her to record how she feels during the day based on how much sleep she had a night and a pattern will start to appear.

Getting a good sleep is important for the mind and body. Sleep lets the body rest and repair, it helps maintain a healthy immune system and having the energy needed during the day for activity and concentration. Sleeping well helps us to stay mentally healthy too.

Signs that perhaps an individual is not getting enough sleep or enough good quality sleep include irregular sleep patterns, feeling tired and drowsy during the day, falling asleep at school or in the afternoon, trouble falling asleep or staying asleep, loud snoring, sleepwalking or night terrors and difficulties with concentration and memory.

#### **Top Tips for getting to sleep / sleep routine / falling asleep**

- Have a regular bed time and wake up time. A regular bed time helps to set the body clock so your body knows it's time to sleep. Waking up at (or near) the same time each day also helps your body to establish a sleep pattern. Get plenty of sunlight during the day too.

- Establish a bed time ritual. Doing a series of actions before bed also helps the body to prepare for sleep. Ideas include a warm bath or shower, reading a book, listening to quiet music or doing some gentle stretches.
- Avoid technology in the hour before bed, including TV, computers and phones.
- Exercise during the day so that your body is ready for rest at night.
- Don't eat big meals at night. Eat as early as possible and try to avoid rich, heavy food close to bed time.
- Limit caffeine during the day and don't drink any caffeine in the afternoon or evening.
- Don't have too much liquid in the evening and, if you are drinking, consider a herbal tea like chamomile.
- Worrying about problems at school or with friends often stops students from getting to sleep. Encourage your daughter to talk to a trusted person about things that are worrying her to find ways to solve problems. She could also try some relaxation exercises such as meditation or positive visualisation.
- Have your daughter's room as dark as possible when trying to get to sleep. She might need to use a sleep mask to avoid light from electronic devices, street lights, etc.

### **Staying Asleep**

- Make sure the temperature of the room is comfortable. Too cold and she may have difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep. Too warm and the heat could also wake her.
- Having a quiet environment will help her stay asleep. If loud noises often wake her, having some consistent "white noise" can be helpful. Earplugs may also work for some people.
- A comfortable bed, which is large enough for her to spread out and is supportive, will help her to sleep well, as will a comfortable pillow, which provides the right amount of support for the neck.
- Good ventilation in the room helps to get rid of toxins and keeps the air she is breathing fresh. A potted plant in the room may help.

### **Where to go for help or more information**

If your daughter tries out the tips here and is still having trouble with falling asleep or staying asleep, try talking to your doctor to see if there is a medical or other reason.

These tips are from the Study Skills Handbook. You can learn more about how your daughter can optimise her performance as a student at [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

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Ms Dympna Reavey

## **From the REC**

Here is a brief outline of what is happening in Formation and RE classes at the moment.

### In Formation

- Our staff committee is meeting to finalise and to assess our Implementation Plan for 2015 and begin looking towards 2016
- Planning for the Year 11 Retreat continues. It will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of August at Stanwell Tops and will have the theme of “Determined and Strong” leading young women towards making courageous choices in their lives as they become our school leaders
- Preparations are underway for Graduation Masses, Commissioning and Farewell ceremonies
- Year 12 Formation Day

### In RE classes

- Year 12 Studies of Religion students completed their last HSC assessment task with the completion of the Trial exams
- Year 12 Catholic Studies students have completed their final assessment
- Year 11 SOR1 are working on their Christianity depth study and SORII are teaching lessons about Christianity
- RCS are looking at Religion in Australia
- Year 10 have begun a unit on Reverence for Life
- Year 9 are looking at the Eucharist
- Year 8 are looking at Images of God
- And finally year 7 are studying the life and times of Jesus
- All Years 8 and 10 students are in the process of trialling the Religious Literacy Assessment, which will take place in week 6.

Please keep our year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to leave us these last few weeks will fly and we wish them all well.

Thank you to all who took the opportunity to see teachers at the recent Parent, Student, Teacher interviews. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time if you wish to raise any concern.

It seems that the hard work is going on everywhere. I have been visiting a number of RE classes and the girls are happy and involved in their learning which is wonderful to see.

Ms Ellen Lonergan

## **From the Leader of Student Well-being**

Our conversation on mental health continued at Nagle with our Parent Forum being held on the topic of anxiety and depression in young people. A guest speaker from Headspace joined with us and shared a range of useful tools and resources to help parents and caregivers of young people.

One of the main topics of discussion on the evening was how a parent/caregiver can help a young person about whom they are concerned.

The following information regarding this concern was shared on the evening:

- Keep communication open, show empathy and don't rush into judgements.
- Be available without being intrusive or pushy.
- Spend time with the person. Take an interest in their activities and encourage them to talk about what is happening in their life.
- Take the person's feelings seriously.
- Encourage and support positive friendships.
- Encourage activities that promote mental health, such as exercise, healthy eating, regular sleep, and doing things the person enjoys.
- Give positive feedback.
- Let the person know that you love them. They may not always admit it, but this is likely to be very important to them.

The Headspace website, which can be found at [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au) offers a great number of resources for both young people and their family on a range of different matters related to maintaining and developing good mental health.

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the forum. It was a wonderful opportunity to work together on such an important issue.

As always, if at any time you have any concern regarding your daughter, please feel free to contact the relevant Year Co-ordinator or myself via the college.

Mrs Diane Shean



## Message from the Business Manager

### School Fees

School Fees are due 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting this deadline, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501, who can assist you in bringing your account up to date.

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their school fees for Year 2015.

### UNIFORM SHOP

**YEAR 10, 2015 STUDENTS** have been advised that they will be able to wear their full Senior Uniform as at the start of Term 4.

The Uniform Shop will be open for the Year 10 students on the following dates and time

TUESDAY, 8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015	Lunch time	3.00 – 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY, 9 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	8am – 9.30am	Recess
TUESDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	Lunchtime	3.00 – 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY, 16 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	8am – 9.30am	Recess
THURSDAY, 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2015 (school holidays)	9.00am – 3.00pm	

**Cost:**

**Senior Shirt - \$45.00**

**Tie: \$20.00**

**Cardigan: \$85.00 (optional)**

**Jumper: \$80.00 (optional)**

Mrs Mary Fairhurst



## NAGLE COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

### **Nagle College Anniversary celebrations**

**Saturday, November 21:** There will be a three course dinner, with drinks and entertainment at the Novotel Sydney Norwest, Baulkham Hills, from 6pm to 11pm. The cost is \$115.00 per person. (*Novotel accommodation is available, if required at a discounted rate of \$155.00 per room. Reservations to be made with Novotel Sydney Norwest direct, tel: 9634 9634, mention "Nagle College".*)

**Sunday, November 22:** There will be an open day at Nagle College, commencing with brunch at 11am, memorabilia displays and concluding with a celebration Mass at 2pm.

Bookings for these two events can be made through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) (Select 'Buy Tickets', enter 'Nagle' in the search box, click on the link for the event you want to book and then follow the online prompts.)

For enquiries please contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501 or email [nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au) or check our website for updates of the up and coming events. [www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au),

Nagle College Facebook and Instagram.





## NAGLE COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



We would like to thank these sponsors who have made a kind donation towards our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations



If you have a business and would like to make a donation towards our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations please do not hesitate to contact Rosalie Merchant or Kylie Da Silva on 88874501 or email [nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## **Year 7 News**

### **Leadership is...**

*Leadership is not about speed, ideas, efficiency, or power ...*

*It is about knowing your own limitations and celebrating the gifts of others,*

*It is growing in wisdom, understanding the number of our days, and seeking to understand rather than be understood.*

*It is caring for people, always hoping for, and expecting the best.*

*It is being brave enough to be vulnerable in front of others.*

*It is seeing the big picture of where things are, and building a road to the future with limited causalities.*

*It is helping each person to sing their song from the heart, and leading the band in praise to their Maker.*

- Dan Beerens

The Year 7 Class Captains for Semester Two are:

#### **Ballygriffin**

7.7 Ashley Galea

7.8 Ashleigh Alag

#### **Coraki**

7.9 Jasmine Stanley-Dawson

7.10 Sienna Redondi

#### **D'arcy**

7.11 Sarah Smith

7.12 Taylor Mackinven

#### **Lismore**

7.13 Celestina Katopou

7.35 Nosa Shata

#### **Lucan**

7.36 Emily Erenavula

7.37 Paulette Hourany



Congratulations to the new Class Captains, who will surely do a great job in representing their homeroom groups. Congratulations also to all students who applied for the position. Remember, every student is a leader, with or without a badge; there exists a leader in all of us! My prayer for all of Year 7 is to use the gifts and talents that each student possesses to make a real difference in their world.

Mrs Juvy Reczek  
Y7 Co-ordinator

## **Year 9 News**

The last few weeks have been very busy for a number of Year 9 students. A number of our girls have been heavily involved in a number of activities lately, such as Bring It On (winners!), Netball Gala Days, Futsal Gala Day, Football Gala Day, Geography excursion, Duke of Edinburgh hike, boot camp, as well as moving forward with their learning in each of their classes.

To add to this – the Year 9 Camp is just about here (2 weeks away)! Girls should be making sure that they are planning their equipment from the list provided, making sure that they have all of the required items and are also planning on how to get to school in time for the early start on Thursday August 20. If any parents have any questions about the camp that have not already been covered by the permission notes, please don't hesitate to contact me at school (88874501) or email ([ahouseman1@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ahouseman1@parra.catholic.edu.au))

Congratulations to the following girls who were voted as Class Captains for Semester 2:

**Bally** – Monique Layoun  
**Coraki** – Folosade Penn-Gray  
**Darcy** - Cassandra Murray  
**Lismore** – Rahiel Abusador  
**Lucan** – Bethany Mercado

Mr Andrew Houseman - Year 9 Co-ordinator

## **Year 10 News**

In this issue we congratulate the following girls on their selection as Class Captain in their respective homerooms. They are:

**Ballygriffin** – Adrianna Bocchi  
**Coraki** – Hersh Nat  
**Darcy** – Neya Giritha  
**Lismore** – Claudia Pecora  
**Lucan** – Dhara Barot

These girls will assist their homeroom teachers and myself and are to be commended for their successful appointment to the position.

As you would be aware Year 10 have been invited to wear the senior uniform in Term 4. This is in acknowledgement of the fact that we consider our Year 10 cohort to be seniors. I would encourage all students to make this transition during Term 4. To assist families with the purchasing of the senior uniform, the College Uniform Shop will be open at additional times later in the term. The details for this can be found in this copy of the Lantern.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your daughter's homeroom teacher or myself.






Kind regards,

Mr Andrew Wilson - Year 10 Co-ordinator

## From the Year 11 Co-ordinator

On behalf of the Year 11 Homeroom team, we thank our Semester One Class Captains who were responsible, helpful and mature leaders: Marianna Tinkas (11.14), Trusti Arora (11.15), Ester Jada (11.16), Inise Korovou (11.17) and Mollie Baihn (11.18).

I would like to congratulate and wish every blessing to the following students who have been elected Class Captains for Semester Two:

11.14 Ballygriffin	Marianna Tinkas	
11.15 Coraki	Adut Lual	
11.16 D'Arcy	Caitlin Topalovic	
11.17 Lismore	Dayna Cocking	
11.18 Lucan	Angie Beshai	

Our Senior Retreat takes place next week. The girls and I are very excited about this important event. Our REC, Ms Lonergan, and fellow teachers attending Retreat have been working tirelessly to ensure that the three day program will be an enriching, rewarding and inspiring experience for the girls. I look forward to spending time with Year 11 whom I trust will be energetic, positive and responsible. A few reminders about Retreat:

- The Retreat will take place at:  
*The Tops Conference Centre*

*Bendena Garden Rd*

*STANWELL TOPS NSW 2508*

*Telephone: 02 42941430. (Please ring only in an emergency)*

*Fax: 02 42941432*

*Email: [enquiries@thetops.com.au](mailto:enquiries@thetops.com.au)*

Please keep this information handy. In an urgent need to contact your daughter, please do so via the College (Mr Hall: 8887 4501) or phone the venue and ask to speak with a Nagle staff member. We ask that this process be followed so that relevant staff can be informed and are able to best respond to your needs. Thank you.

- All regular College rules apply for the Retreat's duration.
- **Students are asked to be at school by 8:30 am as the buses will leave Nagle College at 9:00 am on Wednesday 12th August and will return your daughter to the College between 3:00 and 3:30 pm on Friday 14th August 2015.**
- Students should not bring any valuable items and do so at their own risk.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Kind regards,

Ms Melissa Kervinen

[mkervinen@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mkervinen@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## YEAR 11 NEWS



# Adriana De Almeida

11.16 D'Arcy  
Work Experience

Adriana De Almeida is participating in the Post School Option's Workplace Learning Program. She is currently placed at Cumberland Centre – Harris Park



## **Creative and Performing Arts News**

### **Open Mic Thursdays**

On Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July the first lunchtime 'Open Mic' session was held. These mini concerts are an opportunity for students in any year level to perform a musical or dramatic item for a small and supportive audience. Students can play an instrument, sing, share a song they have written, perform a monologue or a scene from a play of their own choice. The first session was well attended and it was good to see girls from different years sharing their many and varied talents.

### **HSC Creative and Performing Arts Showcase**

Next Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, HSC Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts students will present an exhibition and concert of their major works for friends, family and other students at Nagle. This is an opportunity for the students to share their HSC work in these subject areas. The concert will take place in the Presentation Hall between 5.00-7.00pm. The exhibition of Visual Art works will take place at the same time in the Library. Entry to both is free and all are welcome.



Ms Verity Cash

CAPA Co-ordinator

## **BRING IT ON**

At the beginning of this year, dancers from Years 7-12 auditioned for the Nagle College *Bring It On* team. Once the final team of 25 was formed, the girls rehearsed and created an amazing routine that ultimately led to them being crowned NSW *Bring it On* champions for 2015.



The heats of the competition were held on June 6 at the State Sports Centre, with 18 teams

from throughout NSW aiming for one of the 12 spots in the Grand Final. During the day, the girls met their mentor from *Bring It On*, and went through the rehearsal process, which included cheering backstage with other schools, rehearsing their own routine and then conducting an onstage rehearsal.

Later on in the evening, the competition commenced and the girls watched the other schools before them, knowing that they were competing second last in their heat. The team performed their routine to the best of their ability and shortly after, it was announced that Nagle College had placed third and this advanced the team to compete in the *Bring it On* Grand Final.

First day back at school, the girls started preparing for their new routine. They took on board the feedback of the judges and started to finalise their new music, costumes, hair/makeup and choreography. Rehearsals took place every day after school, on the holidays and even on weekends. The team had done everything they could to prepare and confidence was high for the Grand Final, which was held on August 1 at the State Sports Centre.

On the day of the Grand Final, the team warmed up their stunts and ran the dance a few more times, making slight adjustments from the on stage rehearsal. Of the 12 schools, Nagle College performed sixth on the night and after seeing the high standard set by the first few schools, the nerves began to kick in. Fortunately, the girls did their absolute best and every student walked off stage knowing they gave it their all.

Once all the schools had performed, the judges gave their final verdict, starting with the fourth place finishers. When the judge announced Nagle College as the winners, all team members jumped out of their seats, knowing that their effort, determination and perseverance had paid off and they had become the champion school in NSW for the 2015 *Bring it On* competition.

To celebrate their achievement, the girls went on stage to perform their winning dance one more time for the audience. Not only did Nagle College win the competition, but the girls also made many new friendships and lasting memories throughout their *Bring it On* journey.

Mrs Maree Concato – Dance Teacher



## BRING IT ON



## ***Nagle Celebrates 100 Years of Women in the Police Force***



Last week Nagle College was invited to help the Blacktown Area Command celebrate 100 years of women in the force. This celebration was in the form of a march through the streets of Blacktown, finishing at the “Village Green” near Blacktown Library.

Nagle sent 11 girls ranging from Years 7-11 to the march along with girls from other local schools and the female police officers from Blacktown Station. While it was good to help strengthen our community relationships, it was also interesting to see how the role of women has changed in the police force over the past 100 years. The girls were stunned to learn that during their first 45 years of service in the force, a female officer had to sign a contract stipulating that she would not get married or pregnant, otherwise she would have to resign. Female officers were only allowed to carry a

firearm in 1979. The world has changed a lot since those days – and it was certainly an eye-opener to learn just how far we have come.

The girls who participated were, as usual, a tremendous credit to the College. Their presence and efforts on the day were very much appreciated by the Blacktown police officers.



*Go hence to have more talk of these sad things'*

## **Year 10 English Excursion – *Romeo and Juliet***

Late last term and early this term, Year 10, as part of their studies in English, has been studying Shakespeare. Through their study, they have examined the features of dramatic texts and the nature of Shakespearean tragedy.

On Friday, July 31, Year 10 travelled with a group of English teachers to the Sydney Opera House, to watch Bell Shakespeare's production of Shakespeare's tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*.



After leaving early from Nagle, we arrived at the Opera House in time to sit and enjoy the sunshine and spectacular views before we entered the Opera House and took our seats in the theatre. The stage was set, the actors had taken their places, and we awaited the performance to commence.

This modern interpretation of the play saw the actors dressed in modern clothing, with the two playing Romeo and Juliet in matching white t-shirts and jeans, and other lead roles in similar casual attire. The play began with a fight, with the two families - the Montagues and the Capulets - in a physical dispute, using several different (fake) weapons, and, unlike the written text, Romeo and Juliet were also involved.



Interestingly, this production had taken a creative and also very clever approach to the way the set was created, forming steps. The versatility of this type of stage allowed the different settings in the play to take shape without any obvious and disruptive movement of large props, and the performance ran smoothly and flowed well. There were also multiple trap doors in the set, allowing the actors to retrieve smaller props from secret compartments hidden in the stage, including a poster for Capulet's party and a miniature garden in Friar Lawrence's cell.

We found the production quite impressive, as the use of music was effective and the actors portrayed the characters very well. Another interesting aspect of this representation of the play was the dramatisation of characters, and how some actors even played two different roles. This modern interpretation also gender-flipped some of the characters with a female Benvolio and Prince Escalus making the balance of male and female characters a little more even, and giving the women of the play more of a say.

A favourite part in the play was, ironically, the infamous final scene, which includes the deaths of Romeo, Juliet, and her betrothed, Paris, because of the way in which this theatre company chose to present it. The other main characters brought candles to the stage to light the darkness in the room, and after Romeo, Juliet and Paris died and their story was being explained to the prince, they sat up from their places and looked modest, remorseful and reflective. The last few lines, which are poetry, were delivered beautifully, full of expression.

After watching the performance, Year 10 left the building and sat on the steps once again, enjoying lunch with the beautiful view of Sydney Harbour. We discussed our favourite and least favourite parts and the actors we believed presented the characters the way we imagined them.

Overall, it was an enjoyable excursion as it revealed to us other avenues of storytelling, and brought Romeo and Juliet to life once again.



Lauren Ward  
Year 10 Student

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### *Library Book Swap*



Do you have any books at home that you no longer need? Would you like to add some more books to your shelves? Our annual Library Book Swap is coming up on Wednesday, August 26. Students can now start bringing to the library any books that are in good condition and suitable for other students. Then they will receive an official invitation to the Book Swap. On August 26 invited students can browse through all the books at lunchtime and take home the same number of books they donated/swapped. Please contact the library staff if there are any questions.

### *Premier's Reading Challenge*



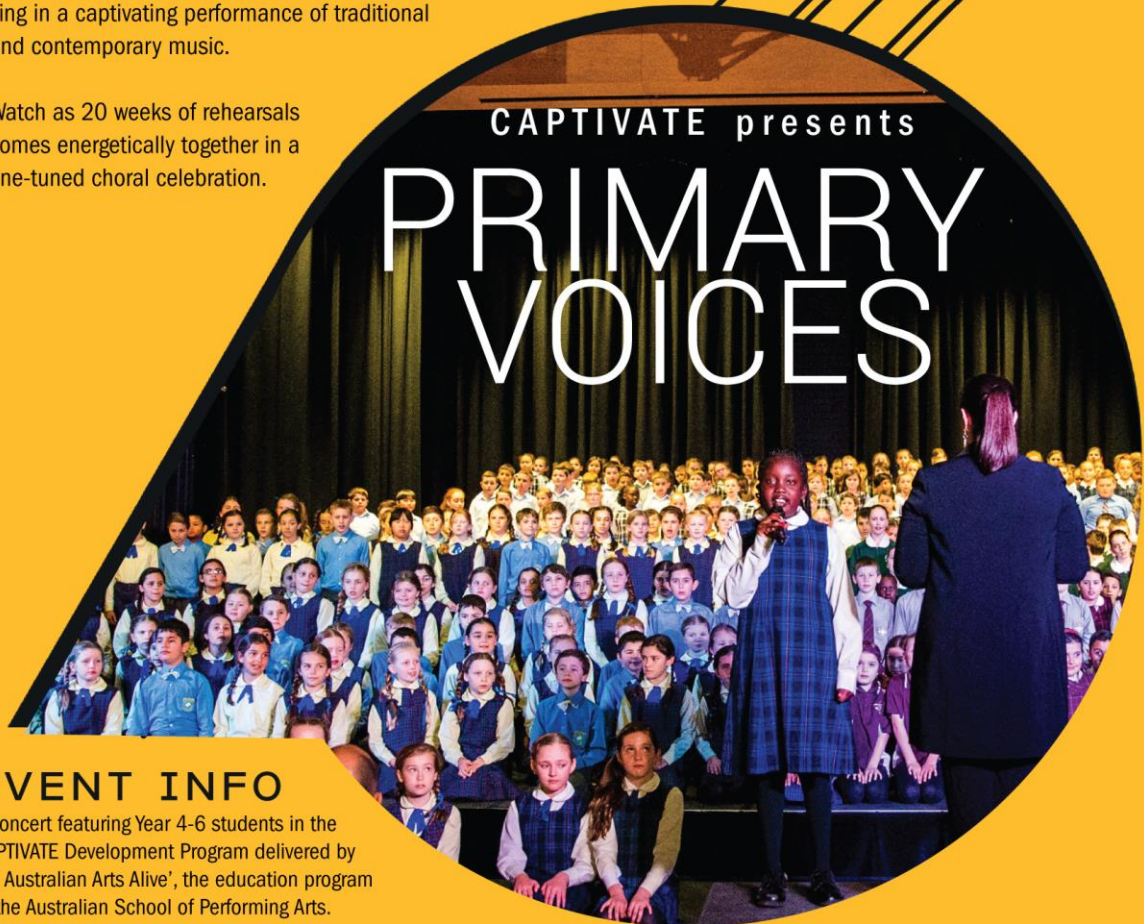
A reminder to Years 7-9 students taking part in this year's *Premier's Reading Challenge* that the deadline is coming up. Students need to complete their online Reading Record by August 21 to be eligible for a 2015 certificate. If there are any questions, please contact the library staff. Happy reading!

Mr Joel Ford - Librarian

# 2015 Choral Celebration

Be entertained by 11 primary schools who will sing in a captivating performance of traditional and contemporary music.

Watch as 20 weeks of rehearsals comes energetically together in a fine-tuned choral celebration.



## EVENT INFO

A concert featuring Year 4-6 students in the CAPTIVATE Development Program delivered by 'a3 Australian Arts Alive', the education program of the Australian School of Performing Arts.

**Monday 7 September 7pm**  
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE  
54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary KELLYVILLE  
Mother Teresa Primary WESTMEAD  
St Oliver's Primary HARRIS PARK  
Corpus Christi Primary CRANEBROOK  
Trinity ---Primary KEMPS CREEK

**Tuesday 8 September 7pm**  
@ ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE  
54-97 Gascoigne St, Kingswood

St Bernadette's Primary DUNDAS VALLEY  
Holy Trinity Primary GRANVILLE  
Mary Immaculate Primary QUAKERS HILL  
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## **Bishops Office**

### **The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you**

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. You can contact us tel (02) 9933 0233, email [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au) or write to Safeguarding Response, PO Box 3066, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. For more information, please visit: [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au) For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police tel 1800 333 000.

### **Year of Consecrated Life Solemn Mass and Vocations Fest: 9 August**

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, there will be a Mass at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by a Vocations Fest. The program includes lunch, religious sharing their stories, Q&A and entertainment for all the family. The afternoon will conclude with a Holy Hour for Vocations. Everyone is welcome.

### **Public Forum on *Laudato Si'*: 15 August**

A forum on the new encyclical from Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* - 'Praise be to you', will be hosted by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) and Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt. Speakers: Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish; Prof Neil Ormerod, Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University; Dr Hamish Clarke, Senior Climate & Atmospheric Scientist, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage; and Thea Ormerod, ARRCC President. From 10am-4.30pm at Loyola Senior High Hall, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt. RSVP: Thea tel 0405 293 466, [chair@gmail.com](mailto:chair@gmail.com)

### **Made for Each Other Youth Day: 15 August**

The diocesan Family & Life Office is hosting a day for youth and young adults aged 16 to 35 centred on the complementarity of man and woman. Discover the beauty and mystery of how marriage was designed "in the beginning". Based on six short films that unpack the different dimensions of the complementarity between man & woman. The day will include: group discussion and sharing, Q and A, Mass for the Assumption, panel discussion. Rego at 8.30am, starts 9am, ends 4pm. Cost: \$10 students, \$20 non-students (incl. morning tea and lunch). **RSVP 7 August** at [www.trybooking.com/IIMF](http://www.trybooking.com/IIMF) (credit card required) or [famlife@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:famlife@parra.catholic.org.au) (cash payment at event). Inquiries: Family and Life Office (02) 8838 3440 or [famlife@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:famlife@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 23 August**

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **Notre Dame Open Day: 29 August**

Experience this 5 star national Catholic university in the heart of Sydney. Check out The University of Notre Dame's courses, meet academic staff and current students, enjoy entertainment and take a tour of the Broadway Campus. Saturday 29 August from 9am-3pm. Personalise your Open Day at: [www.notredame.edu.au/openday](http://www.notredame.edu.au/openday)