



# Star of Peace

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

We welcome our new students, staff and families to St Patrick's Marist College. This year we celebrate 200 years of Marist Education. We have had a wonderful start to 2017. There is such a positive energy both within and outside the classrooms. The move to a 5 period day with the two half hour breaks has been very smooth. I congratulate our new Year Sevens who have had a very successful start to the year.

This week we gathered to recognise and congratulate our 2016 High Achievers. What wonderful graduates who exemplify what it means to be a Marist. As I look at these students, I don't just see a HSC result. I see a group of young people who took the opportunity to be part of the full experience of St Patrick's Marist College. Through cultural pursuits, in sport, through their service to the community and many took roles as leaders both formally and informally in the School.

While honouring these individuals we also recognise the outstanding success of the whole cohort. With 60% Band 5 and 6s, and 89% in the top 3 bands of all individual subjects undertaken, 89% of our subjects above state average and 59% of students with an ATAR over 80.

Importantly, I want to acknowledge all of the students that performed well above what was expected. They are the silent heroes that don't get acknowledged in the newspapers or on high achiever days, but we recognise their commitment, hard work and achievements and our staff are very proud of each of them.

### Absences

**TWO DAYS ABSENCE PER MONTH = ONE MONTH OF MISSED SCHOOL PER YEAR!**

This year at our System Leader's day we spent time discussing the importance of regular attendance. Simply put, in order for students to receive a quality learning experience and to be able to engage in their learning fully, they need to show up each and every day. Every day counts!

This year we have a College Attendance plan. Our goal in partnership with you is to have a consistent daily attendance rate over 90%. I am happy to report our rate today is 93%.

### Identifying Educational Risk Based on Attendance Rates

| Attendance Rate | Days Absent per Year   | Pattern of Absence | Educational Risk | Cumulative Absence (over 10 years of schooling) |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---|
| 90% or more     | 20 days or less        | Regular            | Low              | 1 year or less                                  |
| 90%-81%         | Between 20 and 40 days | Emerging           | Medium           | 1-2 years                                       |
| 80%-71%         | Between 40 and 60 days | Chronic            | High             | 2-3 years                                       |
| 70% or less     | 60 days or more        | Entrenched         | Severe           | 3 years plus                                    |

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### KEY DATES

- Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
College Swimming Carnival
- Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 12 Retreat Commences
- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 9 Information Night
- Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
HSC (Year 12) Information Night
- Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
P&F Annual General Meeting
- Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Sport Photos
- Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
Commencement Mass / Ash Wednesday
- Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
Open Day (4.00pm - 6.00pm)
- Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 7 Camp
- Monday, 13<sup>rd</sup> March**  
Year 7 Vaccinations
- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 7 Formation Day



There is no substitute for being in class. I would encourage parents to make all appointments for outside of the school day (this includes Thursday sport) and reconsider family holidays during the school term. As parents and teachers, we need to be sending the same message. Being at school is a priority! We certainly understand that there are times when students are sick and need to be at home to recover. If you are having problems relating to attendance or would like further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Leader of Learning Pastoral, Mr Waddell our Assistant Principal - Pastoral or our School Counsellor Mrs Suzan Boulattouf.

A reminder about our processes for attendance can be found in the student diary.

As always, I remind students as we start the year that we own our own behaviour. That together we create the great Marist spirit that is evident particularly in our relationships with one another. We are responsible for our learning and our teachers are there to help us be successful.

I remind all about the College expectations including:

- Tolerance and respect
- Being ready to learn and to be active in that learning
- School procedures
- Rights and responsibilities
- Prohibited substances (refer p12 of the school diary)

I was very pleased to see our students return to the College well dressed and conforming to our College expectations. We appreciate your support in ensuring that our staff can focus their conversations with our young people around their learning.

With the extreme hot weather predicted over the coming weeks, the College Leadership will monitor the conditions and a judgement may be made to allow students to wear their full College Sports uniform to school. If this judgement occurs, an email will be sent to the students and their parents/guardians on the day prior to the extreme weather prediction. An alert will also be sent via the Skoolbag application. Students are only to wear their sport uniform on the days an alert has been sent by the College Leadership Team.

Looking forward to a successful and rewarding 2017.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St. Marcellin.

**Mrs Angela Hay**  
**Principal**

### **FROM THE OFFICE ....**

#### **College Uniform Shop 2017**

The College Secondhand Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 9.00am to 2.30pm.

College backpacks, hats and sports bags can be purchased from the College Office between 8.00am to 4.00pm.

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Backpack    | \$60.00 |
| College Hat | \$15.00 |
| Sports Bag  | \$15.00 |

**Mrs T. Ledesma**  
**Business Manager**

#### **Term 1 School Fees**

School Fee statements for Term 1, 2017 were issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and are due for payment by the 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. If you do not receive a statement in the mail by the end of next week please contact me as soon as possible.

If you are currently on a payment arrangement for 2016 Fees, a new arrangement will need to be set up this year. Please contact me to organise this.

Detailed instructions will be provided with the Term 1 Statement of ways to pay your fees. A Flexible Payment Plan will be offered for direct debit payments. If you select this option, please check your bank account after the start date to ensure that payments are being deducted as we experienced some issues with Australia Post last year where some forms did not reach head office for processing.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty or would like to organise an alternate payment plan please contact Ms Rolla Van Zeeland on – 9638 5644 or rvanzeeland@parra.catholic.edu.au after you have received your statement.

**Ms R. Van Zeeland**  
**School Fee Administrator**



# St Patrick's Marist College, Dundas

## OPEN DAY

**MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**4.00pm - 6.00pm**

We are currently accepting enrolments from current Year 5 students for Year 7, 2019.

Enrolment application forms can be downloaded from our website

Join us for the afternoon to explore and discover a Marist Education.



*Building Strong Minds and Gentle Hearts*



# New Staff

Please welcome some of our new staff to the College. Over the coming weeks, we will be featuring our new staff members in our newsletter. In this issue we introduce Mrs Nichole Padden and Mrs Mariella Stockburger who are joining our Mathematics Department, Mr David Obradovic joining TAS and Mrs Patrice Stamell our new Visual Arts teacher.



## NICHOLE PADDEN

Since leaving high school, I completed a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Mathematics and Computing Studies). My previous school was Bede Polding College, where I taught for 18 years. In my time there, I was a Pastoral Leader of Learning and for the last 6 years I was the Leader of Learning for Mathematics. I loved school as a student, especially my teachers who were passionate and nurturing. They inspired me to become a teacher myself and to have a real passion of Mathematics. I believe education is about taking on a wholistic approach to my students for them to succeed.

I am a mother of three children and I spend most of my free time with my family and friends. I love to bake and I enjoy reading and going to the movies. I love a good laugh and a chat.



## DAVID OBRADOVIC

I have been a teacher of Technology and Applied Science based subjects in a number of Catholic Systemic and Independent schools. The last school I taught at was also a Marist school, St Peter's in Maitland. My main areas of expertise is Computing and Information Technology and I have a passion for new technology, robotics and coding.

Outside of school I am interested in Agriculture and cattle breeding as well as Languages and European History. I have also been a representative Rugby and Cricket coach. I am looking forward to working this year at St Patrick's Marist College.



## PATRICE STAMELL

Upon completing high school, I faced the age-old dilemma of being unsure of what to do with 'the rest of my life', however, the one thing I was certain of was my passion for Art. I completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts at the University of Wollongong, before working in Marketing in the media for six years. Realising that there was still something missing, I went back to university and completed a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Since then, I have taught Visual Arts in a wide range of schools, travelled overseas, gotten married, adopted a cat and never looked back on my career change. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to teach Visual Arts at St Patrick's Marist College and I look forward to the year ahead.



## MARIELLE STOCKBURGER

My qualifications include a Bachelor in Business Studies majoring in Accounting and a Bachelor in Secondary Education - Mathematics. I spent 20 years working in the Finance industry and have spent the last eight years teaching Mathematics in a number of high schools across Sydney.

Most recently, I had the opportunity to teach Mathematics at Queenswood School for Girls and now I am very pleased to get the opportunity to teach at St Patrick's Marist College. I am looking forward to the rest of the year.

# Assistant Principal

## PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATION

### Year 7 Vaccinations

Each year NSW Health works with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

The details of this year's vaccinations for Year 7 students are indicated below:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 1st dose HPV + dTpa
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2nd dose HPV + Varicella
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 3rd dose HPV

Parental/Guardian consent is required for students to be vaccinated. Consent forms will only be accepted if they are completed using black or blue pen and are original (photocopied or faxed forms will not be accepted).

Information packs will be distributed to students shortly and fact sheets have been appended to this newsletter.

I ask parents to complete the forms and return them to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns please call myself at the College or NSW Health Immunisation Team on 9840 3603.

**Mr W. Waddell**

**Assistant Principal - Pastoral and Administration**

## INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING

### A Year of Transformative Learning

2017 is planned to be a tremendous year for all members of our learning community, teachers, students and parents/caregivers. This year we go deeper into our already laid foundations set out in our Vision for Learning – with a clear focus for our learning being the building of skills, particularly Critical Thinking and Collaboration. Further to this, as teachers our learning will sharpen our skills of enquiry based learning, with this to be transferred into our lessons instilling amongst our students an approach that places creativity, questioning, problem solving and collaboration/communication at the heart of their learning experience. Literacy and Numeracy remain as key areas of teacher learning, focusing upon Reading/Comprehension across all subjects and Accountable talk in Mathematics. There will be various opportunities for parents/caregivers to attend various information and learning evenings to build strong school and parent partnerships.

To support their learning, students are asked to continue to develop strong relationships with their teachers and peers, to seek out answers to issues that may inhibit their learning. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of their College Diary, planning for assessments, setting learning goals, completing set homework etc. In the next week students will receive their Assessment Schedules. I ask that they place these dates in their diaries and work to ensure they understand the processes around misadventure, submission of tasks and malpractice.

### HIGH ACHIEVER'S ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated and acknowledged our Year 12 Graduates of 2016 who have excelled in the HSC. We celebrate with 16 students who have received an ATAR of 90 or above. The ATAR is the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. All our students from the class of 2016 did exceptionally well and many more received an ATAR in the high 80's.

Our assembly is an opportune time for our current Year 12 students to reflect on the journey ahead in your final year of secondary education. I urge you to make the most of the opportunities. The often quoted phrase do your best, no regrets, has many facets – commitment, organisation, routines, research, practice, dialogue, enquiry and feedback. These attitudes are actions that impact deeply upon your learning. What is central is that learning is not simply an isolated and independent venture. Learning occurs through deep connections, this builds the necessary skills for further learning in the adult realm such as resilience, collaboration and diversity. Year 12 set your goals, set them high, set them now. In 11 months' time, the College will again send out an invitation for the high achievers next year to be our guest at our assembly.

To the students in Years 7 to 11, I put to you a challenge to make the most of your learning opportunities this year. Set goals, one being to obtain a Merit or Achievement certificate at the Semester One or Two Awards Assembly. Always have a positive attitude towards your learning, work with your teachers, work with your peers. Your learning is not simply about six or seven subject areas, its about transforming your minds and hearts. As a Catholic school we strive to form young people who truly believe and celebrate your dignity as made in God's image, who can transform the world around you – at home, amongst your friends or in society by being men and women of faith in the goodness and love. Challenge those structures that exclude, deny, demonise and belittle others especially the marginalised and most vulnerable in our society.



We formally acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the Year 12 students for 2016:

- Abigail Acosta
- Jack Armstrong
- Jewelay Azar
- Jackson Bowden
- Brant Hird
- Alex Ishac
- Corey Jones-Viegas
- Chris Kim
- Vincent Linsao
- Keely Long
- James Morched
- Kira Moriarty
- Daniel Ross
- Sasha Sugita
- Caitlin Narey
- Matthew Wahbe

*The College Dux of 2016 is determined on their ATAR results. We congratulate:*

Chris Kim - Dux of the College 2016 – 99.7

Jack Armstrong - 2nd Place Aggregate 2016 – 98.2

Jackson Bowden - 3rd Place Aggregate 2016 – 97.45



**PARENT / COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP**

At St Patrick's Marist we value our teacher/parents/caregivers partnership. To enable good communication please find below email contacts of our Leaders of Learning, both Pastoral and Key Learning Areas (KLA). Timely communication builds strong partnerships with parents/caregivers and teachers to support each student with their learning and to develop ongoing strategies to experience success, both at school and at home. Please contact our Leaders of Learning if you require any information or further clarification about College life.

| LEADER OF LEARNING CONTACT LIST |                      |                                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 | Leader of Learning   | Email Contact                       |
| Year 7                          | Mrs A. Papoulias     | apapoulias@parra.catholic.edu.au    |
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| Social Science                  | Mr L. Grech          | lgrech@parra.catholic.edu.au        |
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| VET                             | Ms T. McGlenchy      | tmcglenchy@parra.catholic.edu.au    |

**Mr J. Scanlon**  
Assistant Principal - Innovative Teaching and Learning

## Director of Mission

2017 marks a very special moment in our Marist history. It has been 200 years since Marcellin gathered his first brothers and since then a spiritual family has grown within the Catholic Church known as the Marist family. It is a family that is now extended around the world and a family of which we are all members. Our two hundredth birthday is very special and a good time to reflect upon what it means to be Marist; not only now but into the future.

To commemorate this special anniversary, the Marist theme for this year is Awaken! Awaken is an invitation to really open our eyes, sharpen our senses and move with anticipation into our Marist future. To be grateful for the inspiring vision and life of Saint Marcellin Champagnat and his early brothers and to look to our Marist future and make Jesus Christ known and loved.





The 'Awaken' image shown speaks of our Christian story and of our deep desire to be in relationship with God and with one another. It celebrates the Bicentenary of our rich Marist spirituality, evoking the experiences of the first Marists and of those who have followed in their footsteps. The Awaken image can be broken down into three key elements:

**Hands:** – the hands represent our humanness and the work of God's creation. We use open hands in response to the story of the Gospel, indicating our willingness to respond to those most in need.

**Heart:** – As Marists, we place our absolute trust in God and depend on Mary for support and guidance. The heart or 'M', reminds us of our identity as Marists and speaks of our deep sense of family spirit that is strongly relational and affective. We strive together with a generous heart, constant and persevering in our daily work.

**Spirit** – The Holy Spirit in the image is represented by wind. Like the wind that appeared at Pentecost, we are reminded of the Spirit who continues to breathe life into our lives and the Church. Attentive to this Spirit, we are enthused and encouraged as it unveils the mystery of Christ, bringing us into deeper communion with God and into peace with one another.

Mr M. Paton

## Director of Studies

### YEAR 9 INFORMATION EVENING

There is an information evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at the College for Year 9 students and their parents. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm and conclude by 7:30pm. The meeting will be held in the La Valla Centre. Parking will be available in the College Car Park otherwise, please enter via the front gate.

The Information Evening will outline and explain new NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) (formerly known as BOSTES) requirements for NAPLAN grades in Year 9. We will also outline key assessment information and the College's learning expectations as your son/daughter enters Stage 5 of their education. The importance of student wellbeing and strategies to assist with your child's well-being will also be covered.

### YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING

The Year Twelve Information Evening for students and parents/guardians will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the College. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm and conclude by 7:30pm and will be held in the La Valla Centre. Parking will be available in the College Car Park, otherwise please enter via the front gate.

The purpose of the Information Evening is to outline key aspects of the Higher School Certificate year, including information on the ATAR and post school options. We will also cover key assessment information and the College's learning expectations as your son/daughter enters their final phase of education.

### Questions

We would like to respond to any queries you may have around your son/daughter's studies at St Patrick's Marist, therefore, if you have a question that we may be able to respond to on the evening, or to you individually, please use the links below.

**YEAR 9:** <https://goo.gl/forms/CdmpOV04Y8LtOXtu2>

**YEAR 12:** <https://goo.gl/forms/NY9WeEq7H4GBNRey1>

Ms T. Ellison

# Pastoral

## YEAR 7

A warm welcome to the new Year 7 students and their families to our College Community. The transition from primary school to high school can be very exciting and challenging for students as they learn new routines. The Year 7's have settled in very well to our school environment over the last week and have already had their iPads set up, participated in College Sport, had the opportunity to try out for Term One representative sports and the College Musical and be a part of the preparations for the Swimming Carnival.

Year 7 students received a letter outlining the information for Year 7 Camp to be held in Week 6, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Camp Toukley, Lutanda. I ask all parents / guardians to complete the permission note and medical consent form and get your son/daughter to return these to their homeroom teachers.

A reminder to students and parents / guardians that 'Keeping Track' will commence in Week 4 of term, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 3.20 – 4.15pm.

**Mrs A. Papoulias**  
Year 7 Pastoral Leader of Learning

## YEAR 8



### Congratulations to ...

Brianna Webster (8 Ludovic) who performed in a stage show of CATS during January. Brianna shared the stage with ex student Ashley Roberts. From all reports their performances were fantastic and the show a great success. Congratulations Brianna.

**Miss C. Mollace**  
Year 8 Pastoral Leader of Learning

# Key Learning Areas

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Hairspray Musical

The Performing Arts Department have been very busy this year with auditions for the 2017 College Musical 'Hairspray' and we now have a fantastic cast who are energetically rehearsing during Thursday sport. It is pleasing to see so many wonderful singers, dancers and actors showcasing their musical talents for the College. If there are any new students who would like to be involved in the Musical, please see Ms Andrews or Mrs Lyons ASAP!

### Music Tuition Program

Any students wishing to commence private or group instrumental lessons can collect a permission note from Ms Andrews or Mr Heffernan in the Music Block. There are still some places available on the following instruments: Voice, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, Piano, Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute and Trumpet. Please direct further inquiries to Ms Andrews by email at: [tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au).

### St Pat's has Talent!

Any student who is musical and sings or plays an instrument are welcome to talk to Ms Andrews or Mr Heffernan about joining a music ensemble group. Auditions for the College Concert Band, Vocal Group, new Guitar Ensemble and Rock Bands will be held in the coming weeks.

### Drama News

Year 11 Drama students have already been out and about this year on an excursion to 'Onstage' at the Seymour Centre,



where they viewed exemplary HSC Band 6 performances from the 2016 HSC Drama practical examination. The Year 11 Drama students had a wonderful time at the excursion and were inspired by the outstanding performers.

**Ms T. Andrews**  
**Leader of Learning - Performing Arts**

### LEARN 2 LEARN

In 2017, Year 7 students are undertaking a new subject called "Learning to Learn". In this subject, students will find out what it takes to be a good learner and how that will help them understand how they learn, how to work with others and how to experience success in their learning.

In their first lesson, students in Year 7 Chavoin, Edwin and Ludovic were doing some 'getting to know you' games as well as some lateral thinking games to help them understand how important it is to work together and to follow instructions. The Learning to Learn program will go all year and Year 7 students will meet their teacher once a week. The Learning to Learn teachers for 2017 are Mr Scanlon, Mr Dent and Miss Hagarty.



**Miss S. Hagarty**  
**Leader of Learning - Science & STEM**

# Sport

## NSWCCC Triathlon

Students interested in competing in the NSWCCC Triathlon as either an Individual (Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February) or Team (Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February) are to contact Mrs Pavlovich by Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February for entry details. You can find her in the Sport Office or send an email to [dlika@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dlika@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## MCS Softball

Boys interested in trialling for the MCS Softball team on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February at Quakers Hill are to see Mrs Pavlovich in the Sport Office for a Permission Note by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. The team selected from these trials will represent MCS at the NSWCCC Selections on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Nathan McNamara who competed in the Australia Cherub National Titles 2016-17 over the holidays. Here is Nathan's account of the day:

*On the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 until the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2017, I competed in the Australian Cherub National Titles with my brother Connor McNamara, ex St Patrick's Marist College student. It was a great regatta with about 49 boats competing at Drummoyne Sailing Club. Some of the conditions were very light and had days where it was a pretty consistent breeze. It was our first national championships in this class boat, so we had no idea what to expect and the results weren't our biggest priority. After a tough 9 days of racing and not focusing on our results, we ended up winning the national championship on handicap, 2nd in our age group and 21st overall.*

*We were both stoked with how well we performed and the results we got. We hope for the same good luck for many years to come."*



**Mrs D. Pavlovich**  
Sport Co-ordinator



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# Year 7



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1872. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1872, school commenced at St Patrick's. Our Newsletter is named, 'Star of Peace', as it too, hopefully, brings peace and good news to our community.



## ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

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30th January, 2017

### St Patrick's Marist College Dundas Working Bee

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our first Working Bee has been planned for **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2017** from 8.00am to 12.00pm.

We are seeking assistance from the school community to help us manage the amount of garden growth throughout the College grounds. We are very lucky to have such wonderful grounds but it does require a fair amount of upkeep. Our maintenance crew are always working hard to keep on top of the grounds but in summer and especially over the Christmas break they can become a bit overgrown.

We are asking for some of your time, gardening knowledge and community spirit to help us maintain the standards we should expect of our College grounds. Furthermore, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents of the College community and to show your sons and daughters your support of their school.

Working Bee tasks will include clearing overgrown gardens and maintaining the appearance of the College rose garden. As the College does not have an ample supply of gardening tools, please bring appropriate garden hand tools (e.g rakes, spades, pick-axes, secateurs) and garden gloves for the day.

At the end of the Working Bee a sausage sizzle will be provided to the volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for the Working Bee please complete and return the slip below. We will meet in the Harrington Courtyard and entry on the day will be via the College bus bay.

Please feel free to arrive at any time during the Working Bee hours, even one hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the Working Bee, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Therese Ledesma  
 Business Manager

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#### February 2017 Working Bee

I/We are able to volunteer for the College Working Bee to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Name: ..... Number attending.....

I will attend from (please circle) [8.00am to 9.00am] [9.00am to 10.00am] [10.00am to 11.00am]  
 [11.00am to 12.00pm] or [8.00am to 12.00pm]. I will stay for the Sausage Sizzle Yes / No

Student Name.....Homeroom.....



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## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the School Vaccination Program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose; and
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose.

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to each of the vaccines they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year will be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP. We therefore encourage students to receive all doses of vaccines through the School Vaccination Program.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**



# Year 7 Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Guardian

Teams of specially trained registered nurses will be visiting your child's school during Year 7 to offer free vaccinations against serious vaccine preventable diseases.



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## Vaccines include:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (3 doses)
- Diphtheria-Tetanus-Perussis (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (1 dose)

These vaccines are only provided **FREE** whilst your child is in Year 7.

## What do you need to do?

- ✓ Read Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit
- ✓ Check your child's vaccination records for varicella vaccine: all students should receive 1 dose unless the vaccine has been given before or your child has had the chickenpox disease
- ✓ Complete the Consent Form in **BLOCK** letters using a **BLACK** or **BLUE** pen
- ✓ Sign the Consent Form for each vaccine your child requires
- ✓ Return the signed Consent Form to your child - return to school, as soon as possible
- ✓ Discuss the importance of vaccinations with your child
- ✓ Ensure your child has breakfast on the morning of vaccination

**NSW School Vaccination Program**

Parent/Guardian to complete all fields in CAPITAL letters using a Black or Blue pen.

**Student's Details**  
 Surname: SMITH  
 Given Name: JESSICA  
 Date of Birth: 14/02/2005  
 Name of School: RIVERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL  
 Telephone Number: 1234 567890  
 Number/Extension your child lives on (if applicable): 4

**Indigenous Status**  
 Yes  No  Aboriginal  Torres Strait Islander  Nil both Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander

**Your Details - Parent or Legal Guardian**  
 Name: HELEN SMITH  
 Home Address: 412 RIVERSTONE ROAD  
 RIVERSTONE  
 Postal Code: 2765  
 Phone Number: 0464772498  
 Your alternate Number: 0287214689

**Consent**  
 I have read and understood the information provided regarding the HPV vaccine, varicella vaccine and other vaccines and consent to my child receiving any of these vaccines. I have been provided with a copy of the NSW Statement and I understand that the doctor or child's general practitioner (including health professionals) may be disclosed in certain circumstances as set out in this statement.  
 I declare to the best of my knowledge that my child:  
 1. has not had an allergic reaction (including any vaccine components) listed in the upper information panel.  
 2. Does not have an allergic reaction to any of the vaccine components listed in the upper information panel.  
 3. Is not pregnant.  
 I, on (Child's) date: 07/02/2017  
 sign below for each vaccine I wish my child to receive.

**HPV Vaccine** (1 single dose consent for my child to receive HPV vaccine as a 2 dose course)  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: H. Smith

**Varicella Vaccine** (1 single dose consent for my child to receive a single dose)  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: H. Smith

**Diphtheria/Tetanus/Perussis (DTaP) Vaccine** (1 single dose consent for my child to receive a single dose)  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: H. Smith

Please turn over to...

**More questions?**  
**Please contact Western Sydney Public Health Unit on 9840 3603 or visit**

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation) for further information and translated copies of the Year 7 Vaccination Information Kit



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# PRESENCE

## THE SACRAMENTS

**Sundays**

(during school term)

**7pm – 8:30pm**

**Years**

**9 – 12**

**CTK Parish Hall  
10 Statham Ave,  
North Rocks**

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**7PM – 8:30PM**

**YEARS**

**6 – 8**

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**PARISH HALL**

**10 STATHAM AVE,  
NORTH ROCKS**



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## WANTS YOU!



DID YOU KNOW THE NICK PHIPPS WAS A NORTH ROCKS RUGBY JUNIOR?



**COME & JOIN YOUR LOCAL RUGBY CLUB AND LIKE NICK YOU WILL ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT CLUB RUGBY CAN PROVIDE:**

- UNDER 10S-17S PLAY ON A SUNDAY, (UNDER 6S-9S PLAY ON SATURDAY)
- BE ELIGIBLE TO TRIAL FOR EASTWOOD DISTRICT JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS
- OUR SEASON RUNS FROM MARCH TILL SEPTEMBER.
- OUR HOME GROUND IS KINGSDENE OVAL (FELTON RD, CARLINGFORD)

### ATTENTION YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS

NRRU ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING PLAYERS FOR THE U13S. IF YOU TURN 13 IN 2017 & ARE LOOKING TO PLAY RUGBY ON A SUNDAY, **WE WANT YOU!!!** CONTACT DAVID WEHBE 0418 278 166

**ENQUIRES: Please visit our website or contact us by email.  
EMAIL: [info@northrocksjuniorrugby.com](mailto:info@northrocksjuniorrugby.com)**

**WWW.NORTHROCKSJUNIORRUGBY.COM**



## **DUNDAS SHAMROCKS JRLFC**



### **A DIFFERENT LEAGUE, PLAY JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Players are invited to play in the 2017 Rugby League season for the Dundas Shamrocks

#### **PLAYER REGISTRATION DAYS**

5th, 12th and 19th February from 10am to 1pm  
Top Oval - St Patrick's Marist College  
(Cnr Kirby Street & Kissing Point Road, Dundas)

#### **NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

**FAMILY DISCOUNTS**

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

New Under 6s - FREE

Under 6s - \$50

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Under 9s to Under 19s - \$100

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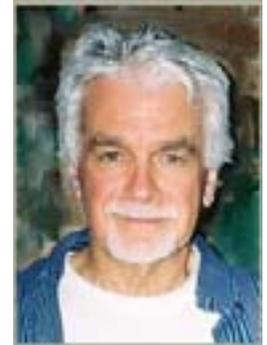
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# WALKING the CAMINO in France and Spain

## AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS by PETER KEARNEY

Live commentary by Peter, with music and his photographs from a large screen television. Beautiful landscapes, ancient villages, interesting pilgrims, camino practicalities. Q&A session at conclusion of each session. The Camino is a network of ancient pilgrimage paths converging on the Cathedral of Santiago in NW Spain, burial place of St. James the Apostle. Pilgrims have walked the Camino for over a thousand years.



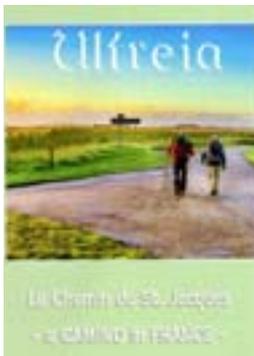
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## GREYSTANES—SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY

The St. George Preca Centre

198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Session times are as follows. You can attend either session or both:



### 11.00am - ULTREIA! a CAMINO in FRANCE.

Le Chemin de St. Jacques. Le Puy to St. Jean Pied-de-Port.

Sometimes called the Via Podiensis. Peter walked this 700+km path, all in France, in 2015. Walked by fewer people compared to Spain, yet the path is just as ancient, interesting and beautiful. Duration 87 minutes.

*"Peter has great eye for a photo, and a wonderful way of conveying meaning in word and picture". (Bob)*



### 2.00pm - WALKING THE CAMINO (SPAIN).

St. Jean Pied-de-Port to Santiago.

The most popular Camino route—also 700+km. Peter walked this path in 2012. Duration—84 minutes. *"Easily the best account of the Camino I have seen. Peter's selection of music, his language and voice accompany a brilliant array of photos". (John Dawson)*

Per session - \$10 at door. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**

Email Peter: [camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au](mailto:camino@peterkearneysongs.com.au) Or SMS 0425 328 185.

\*Please specify 'France' or 'Spain' or 'Both'.

Also state 'Greystanes' & number of seats needed.