



## Upcoming Events

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### Primary Slime Spectacular - L 6/7

Date: Thursday 23 September

### Achilles Cup Athletics Carnival

Date: Thursday 23 September - Monday 30 November

### End of Term Academic Assembly

Date: Thursday 23 September - Monday 30 November

### Primary Market Day

Date: Friday 24 September - Monday 30 November

### Women in STEM Breakfast

Date: Monday 20 September

### R-2 Retreat

Date: Monday 20 September - Monday 30 November

### Year 3/4 Retreat

Date: Monday 20 September - Monday 30 November

### College Music Showcase

Date: Friday 17 September - Monday 30 November  
Time: 6:00pm

### School Photos

Date: Tuesday 14 September - Monday 30 November

### Cocurricular Photos

Date: Wednesday 15 September - Monday 30 November

### Year 12 Careers Mini Expo

Date: Thursday 16 September - Monday 30 November

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# From the Principal

Dear Friends of St Paul's,

As we approach the end of term 3, much planning is underway across all areas of the College. It can appear like the duck on the pond, where everything seems to be quite calm on the surface but beneath the water things are paddling feverishly! It is our normal budgeting time and we build this around the number of students that are expected at the College in the upcoming year. This in turn influences the number of staff, both academic and ESO, that are necessary to provide the best environment for the students. With 2022 being the year St Paul's starts a whole new chapter in its rich history by becoming a co-educational school, this planning is magnified and multiplied many times over. Over recent weeks and again in this week's press and online via our website etc. you may see a significant number of positions being advertised, some of which are our most senior roles, and some are newly created ones. The significant growth in student numbers that we are experiencing means that every area of our operational structure is expanding. Senior leadership positions, senior POR (Position of Responsibility) positions, ESO support staff in areas like inclusive education, maintenance, counselling services, admin staff, in addition to several new teachers are all required for this growth.

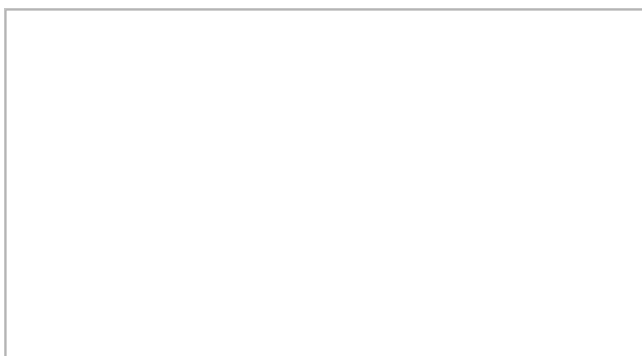
While this is all very exciting, it is creating a great deal of extra work, on top of all the wonderful work being done on a day-by-day basis by all the staff. We have not lost sight of the ongoing commitment and dedication of our staff and I reiterate my gratitude, on the community's behalf, for everything they do.

Our students, too, have been wonderfully patient and supportive of us as our environment continues to be difficult to manage. The courtyard, Wilson Building renovations, and new building are progressing well, and we hope with the warmer spring weather we will see even quicker progress. The walls of the new building will start to appear next week!!

## Father's Day

We hope everyone had the opportunity to, in some way shape or form, celebrate the recent Father's Day. Likewise, we acknowledge that this may take various forms and mean different things to different families. It can also represent a sad time for those who may not have their fathers present in their lives. To all the fathers and male role models, we say a very sincere thanks for the role you are playing in the lives of our boys – you are so very important. On a day such as Thursday this week (R U OK Day) we acknowledge that we all need support at different times, and that we all need to be present with and for each other continuously. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we would hope that this love and support for each other would be an essential part of our DNA and a significant part of how we go about living our lives continuously.

## Year 12 Retreat



This week we also had the opportunity to spend some time with our Year 12 students, away from school and our normal routine, to reflect on our lives, where we are, where we are heading, and how we manage to keep everything both in balance and in perspective. We are very grateful to our Year 12 cohort for they have missed out on a great deal over the last 18 months or so, have had their final year at school severely disrupted with all the building and renovation occurring - and they won't be here to experience the finished product! They are being very gracious and have provided terrific leadership for the rest of the community. Hopefully the retreat day and the awesome meal at *Anthony's Cucina and Pizzeria* were a small sign of our gratitude. Special thanks to Anthony Troncone (Old scholar and current parent) for hosting the dinner! We highly recommend his food!

We also thank Ms Collins and all the staff who attended the day for their support of these young men.

I hope you are all taking good care of yourselves and all your loved ones.

God Bless,

**Paul Belton**

*Principal*

# From the Head of Primary

## Father's Day

St Paul's College ran a Father's Day stall with the help of our Parents and Friends committee last week. The committee worked with our Year 5/6 Primary Leaders to run the stall for all students in R-6.

Father's Day acknowledges and celebrates the contribution of fathers and father figures to their own families and society at large. It is the day we recognise the importance of the role a father plays in our life. As an opportunity to show their love for their fathers or father-like figures, our students were able to buy or make presents and write and draw cards.

In talking with the students this week, I was amazed to hear how our families celebrated the day. Some spent the day engaging in activities like hiking, fishing, camping, shopping, art and craft, or just being with each other.

## R U OK?

Life's ups and downs happen to all of us. So, chances are someone you know might be struggling. Your genuine support can make a difference whatever they are facing, big or small.

The second Thursday of September is R U OK? Day – a day dedicated to inspiring and empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them by asking the simple question "Are you OK?". Now could be a great time to ask someone "Are you OK?" and to support them in the event that they are struggling.

For more information please click [HERE](#)

## Slime Day

Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a *Slime Spectacular School Obstacle Course Fun Run* to help us fundraise for *FightMND*. To achieve our goal, we need to raise \$5000 as a school community.

**When is the Slime Spectacular School Fun Run?** We will be hosting our Primary Slime Spectacular School Fun Run on Thursday 23 September. Make sure students bring a WHITE shirt to wear during the Fun Run. They will be covered in vibrant, non-toxic slime from head to toe!

**Is the Slime safe?** Designed for contact with skin, the water-based slime is very safe and non-irritating for skin and eyes. If you would like to view the Safety Data Material Sheet, visit the school office.

**How does my child fundraise?** Fundraising for FightMND is easy – simply follow the instructions outlined in your child's sponsorship booklet. Your child can accept donations online by creating a cybersafe fundraising profile at [myprofilepage.com.au](http://myprofilepage.com.au). You can also collect cash donations with your sponsorship booklet. Please return your donations before Thursday 23 September.

**How do I order my child's incentive prizes?** You can order your child's prizes online at [myprofilepage.com.au](http://myprofilepage.com.au) until Friday 24 September. Or, complete the back page of your sponsorship booklet when you return your cash donations. You can choose to order one prize based on the total amount of dollars raised, or mix and match smaller prizes.

To take part in the Slime Spectacular Obstacle Course Fun Run students must raise \$10 (you will automatically gain a prize). You are encouraged to wear either PE clothes with a white T-Shirt or your house colours.

## Jake Stewart

*Acting Head of Primary*

## Introducing Nagle House



# NAGLE



Excitingly, our College will experience a significant increase in students for 2022. Within this growth, student wellbeing, safety and learning must remain central to the liberating education that we offer as a College in the Edmund Rice tradition. In 2022, St Paul's College will welcome the addition of a fifth house: Nagle House. This is named after Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters and a crucial influence on Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of St Paul's College, the Presentation Brothers, and the Christian Brothers. Nagle is an important person in the life of our charism and therefore, our College.

This exciting development will occur from Reception to Year 12 to begin 2022 and some students will move from their current House to Nagle House (not between other Houses), while new students will be divided across our five Houses. As always, family allegiances and history will be factored into House allocation. The advent of Nagle House will ensure that the number of students in each House and Home Group is appropriate, particularly in Middle Years 7-9 and Senior Years 10-12, where our pastoral care relies on the strength of our House system. Each of the five Houses will have four Middle Years Home Groups and three Senior Years Home Groups in 2022, testament to our growth in Middle Years 7-9.

Please refer to the correspondence (below) sent home to families for further details.

## Book Week 2021

In the last two weeks we have been fortunate enough to celebrate the joy of books through our Book Week Parade, Fair, and viewing of a performance. This year's theme was 'Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds' with many of the students dressing as characters from books, and a plethora of superheroes! We also had sporting heroes, Minecraft characters, Star Wars characters, and dinosaurs.



After the parade, students spent some time in their classrooms undertaking various activities ranging from craft to puzzle sheets. This was followed by each class coming into the Library to make purchases at the Book Fair. Students were able to buy books, posters and stationery.

Primary students also viewed a theatre production called 'Bigger, Better, Brighter!', which celebrated some of the shortlisted picture books in the Children's Book Council Awards announced a couple of weeks earlier.

Another successful year with many of the primary students smiling, excited and enjoying Book Week. It was great to see so many of our students continuing to develop a love for reading and the opportunity to escape into a different world.

A big thank you to Primary staff for their help and assistance throughout the day. Special mention also to Library staff for their behind the scenes organisation and ongoing assistance.

**Ms Rosemarie Sgro**

*Resource Centre Coordinator*







## Year 12 Retreat

It is always a challenge to take a program that you really believe in and condense it from 3 days to 1 and achieve the same objectives. Realistically, this is not feasible, but after reflecting on our Year 12 Retreat day I feel the cohort had many opportunities to tap into the essential meaning of the day. The theme for our Year 12 Retreat is 'Have Courage and Take Heart'. This stems from Psalm 31. In this Psalm King David was surrounded, unfriended and facing defeat. Whilst he was possibly the most significant King of the Hebrew Scriptures he was a flawed man. David made many mistakes in his life as well as achieving a unity that was unprecedented. His current situation (of which the Psalm is a response) was a result of his actions as a father. The enemy force encircling him was led by one of his sons. So there he was, facing defeat alone. In this moment he says to God that despite the odds being against him, he would remain true to who he was, keep his faith in God, and face the day regardless of the outcome. That is courage. He was willingly vulnerable and ready to face whatever happened.

We spend our lives hearing messages about how important it is to be brave but how often are we truly brave? Being brave is not simply doing impressive physical deeds powered by determination and a stubborn surge of adrenaline. True courage is facing something and doing it even though it scares you and renders you uncertain and vulnerable. We are probably only called to be deeply and truly brave a couple of times in our lives, but we spend our time doing smaller acts of bravery and building that resilience, so that when the moment comes when we need to be really brave, we have a shot at it.

In addition to the activities and reflection up at Woodhouse we were privileged to participate in a smoking ceremony with Auntie Buster and Ben from Southern Cultural Immersion back at school as we considered the ground on which we walk here on a daily basis and the eternal meaning of the land to our First Nations People. The smoke is intended to bring a positive spirit to our bodies. We also listened to four perspectives from old scholars, including one who was here on the first day St Paul's accepted students.

The reality is that our journey at school shapes us. I asked the boys to consider what will they take from their time here at St Paul's College after we heard about the need for structure and discipline in life, the importance of the motto – fight the good fight – and how that can be lived out in daily circumstances. We also discussed the need for service and how this influences our interactions with others, and how important it is to be grateful for our own opportunities and that when we can we need to remedy the injustices of our world.

We finished our pretty big day with a fabulous meal at *Anthony's Cucina and Pizzeria*. Now our Year 12s need to power through the remaining few weeks of classes and keep growing into the people they are called to be.

**Ms Angela Collins**

APRIM









# Walk a Mile in My Boots

As part of our Edmund Rice ethos and an extension of our Christian Service Learning program, the Year 9 students and the primary students (R-6) participated in the 'Walk a mile in my boots' event on 30 August. The Primary students participated within the college grounds, while the Year 9 students enjoyed walking to Civic Park. 'Walk a mile in my boots' is an annual event run by the Hutt Street Centre to raise money for the Homeless in South Australia. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to participate in a worthwhile justice event to help generate awareness of the growing numbers of homeless in Australia. St Paul's College will donate money raised by our students to the Hutt St Centre to support their ongoing work with the homeless in Adelaide.

**Mrs Maria Girolamo-Corbo**

*Faith and Justice Coordinator*





# Year 12 Outdoor Education Camp

Last week, our Year 12 Outdoor Education Class took on Deep Creek Conservation Park for their second outdoor expedition. The class bush walked roughly 30kms through rugged and steep terrain, including a large portion that was scaling the face of a rocky hill down to where Deep Creek meets the ocean. Part of their assessment involves planning, self-reliance, leadership and reflection on group dynamics and social skills. What an awesome way to consolidate their 2021 Outdoor Ed experience!

**Mr Troy Kingham**

*Middle and Senior Years Teacher*





## Marlow House Fundraiser



Since 2018 Marlow house, being yellow, have been supporting the Cancer Council – their symbol being a yellow daffodil. Not only did the house have the colour in common, but some of the students and staff had family members that were impacted by cancer. They were either fighting the disease through chemotherapy, radiotherapy or sadly in some cases a close family member had passed away. Each year the student leaders are asked what they want to support – it seems the topic is so close to many, it continues to be the focus of our fundraising. 150,000 Australians are diagnosed with cancer each year and the cancer council is there to support families with accommodation, information and rehabilitation.

The student leaders organised several fundraising activities during daffodil week. The leadership team organised two lucky dips (which were a real hit for the primary classes), Cancer Council merchandise was sold, soft drinks at recess and lunch were sold, and thanks to Mrs Seal's daughter, earrings were also on sale! We also organised a "caps for cancer" day when gold coins were donated for the cause. The involvement of the house leaders in the lead up to the day and on the day was truly appreciated. The cancer council reaped the rewards with over \$1000 being raised.

A big thanks must go to the group of students that assisted.

**Mr Perry Campbell**

*Head of Marlow House*

## Masks in Schools Reminder



I would like to remind parents that all students who are required to wear a mask should be bringing their own from home, and not relying on the disposable ones available in student reception. I recommend bringing a reusable cloth mask.

Extract from the SA Health Website:

- Students in Year 8 and above should wear masks indoors
- Adults should wear masks indoors, except when teaching or engaging with students
- Masks should be worn in staff and meeting rooms when present with other adults, and not eating or drinking
- Masks should be worn on school buses and public transport
- All adult visitors to sites, including Early Childhood Education and Care, should wear masks.

The following exemptions from face mask use apply:

- Primary school students and students under the age of 12 do not need to wear masks
- Students who attend a disability setting do not need to wear masks
- Early Childhood Education and Care staff and children do not need to wear masks
- Masks do not need to be worn when teaching or engaging with students
- Students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition, do not need to wear masks.

**Cindy Talladira**

*Risk & Compliance Officer*





As the world recovers from COVID, engineers are – literally – rebuilding the economy. From protecting the built environment from health and climate risks, to optimising production of food and agriculture, and creating new products and services that future-proof careers in the automation economy, engineers are at the forefront of economic recovery.

In *Careers with STEM: Engineering 2021*, discover the fastest-growing engineering jobs, meet real-life engineers and engineering teams, and discover how to build an engineering career in fields as diverse as agriculture, health, robotics and advanced manufacturing.

Read it [HERE](#)

## Notices

### 1. Junior Baseball & Teeball Come and Try Days