



Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

This Wednesday we celebrated the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we read the beautiful Magnificat prayer in Luke 1:39-56"

*My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.*

The Magnificat is more than a prayer of praise. It also reminds us about the essential link between humility and holiness. Just as God has "regarded the lowliness of his handmaid" and "has done great things" for Mary in making her the Mother of his Son, so too "he has put down the mighty from their thrones (with his own might!) and has exalted the lowly."

There is no false humility in Mary's prayer; rather, there is the true humility of knowing all that is accomplished in her is done by God. She accepts the knowledge of her mission fully, joyfully and expectantly. As we approach Champagnat Day, we continue to celebrate and give great thanks for 200 years of Marist Education and the work of Marists around the world. We are each reminded of our call as Marists to make a difference in our world. In our families, in our schools and in our communities; to take the wonderful and unique gifts that God has given us, to be our best selves and like Mary who kept mediating everything in her heart, we strive to live out God's will in humility and love.

We are very pleased to welcome Brother Savari from Trichy India, who is visiting us as part of our Champagnat celebrations next week.

Ms Lawrence our Careers Advisor takes a very active role in trying to assist our young people in their future directions. She plays a key role in subject selections and assisting Year 12s with their transition plans and university admissions. We are currently working on our upcoming Year 10 into 11 subject selections. As part of that we invite guest speakers to talk to students about careers. We are still looking for guest speakers including Design and Architecture, Engineering, Science and Technology and Sports. If you can assist in these areas or any other, can you please make direct contact with Ms Lawrence on 96385644 or rlawrence@parra.catholic.edu.au.

This week I visited our MCCS Netballers on Thursday afternoon. Apart from being a very successful afternoon, it was great to see the girls working hard, showing great sportsmanship and teamwork. Congratulations to our Netballers and best of luck for the rest of the season.

Year 11 recently completed their Mid Course Examinations. I have received some very positive feedback about many of our students. There are however some students who have not yet made the necessary commitment and adjustments to being a senior student. We have our Year 11 Parent Student Teacher Interviews on the 27th June all students and parents are expected to attend. It is a very important opportunity to reflect and get feedback to feed forward.

Mrs Angela Hay

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KEY DATES

Friday, 2nd June

Photo Day
Debating (R6)

Tuesday, 6th June

Champagnat Day

Monday, 12th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday, 13th June

Year 10 into Year 11, 2018
Information Evening

Monday, 19th June

Year 10 Parent / Teacher /
Student Interviews

Thursday, 22nd to

Saturday, 24th June
Musical "Hairspray"

Tuesday, 27th June

Year 11 Parent / Teacher /
Student Interviews

Wednesday, 28th June

Term 2 Classes Conclude

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The Mission of Marist schools is to lead young people in the way of Mary, to know and love God in the belief that they all can become good Christians and good Citizens.

2016 YEARBOOK

To enable the College to depict a complete and substantial story of our scholastic year, the printing of the College Yearbook has been permanently moved to the next calendar year. This will allow the College to include our HSC High Achievers and other notable events that occur towards the end of Term 4.

Please note that the 2016 Yearbook has been finalised and sent to the printer and is scheduled to be delivered and distributed to all students by the end of term. Thanks must be extended to all the members of the College community who have written articles, taken photographs and contributed in some way to it's production.

Director of Mission

2017 CHAMPAGNAT WEEK

In 2017, we celebrate our Marist Bicentenary. This is a time for us to reflect on what has been, and look ahead to what is to come. It is a time of reflection and gratitude for the inspiring vision and life of Saint Marcellin and the early Marists and to take a moment and give thanks for each one of us, for all Marists. As we take a moment for discernment and look to the future, we take up the invitation of Pope Francis to "Wake up the world! Be witnesses of a different way of doing things, of acting, of living!"

At the end of 2016, our Student Leaders discussed the possibility of seeing Champagnat Day become a week long celebration with a particular focus on Marcellin Champagnat. So let us, as Marists, embrace all the opportunities given to us and celebrate 'Being Marist'.

Next week, each day will be focused around a particular Marist theme.

- Monday, 5th June 2017 In the Way of Mary - Introduction of Brother Savari and Brother Suresh to our community
- Tuesday, 6th June 2017 Presence - Mass will be celebrated at 11.45am
- Wednesday, 7th June 2017 Family Spirit - Community Lunch & Mufti Day - Marian Blue (*gold coin donation to go towards works in Trichy*)
- Thursday, 8th June 2017 Love of Work
- Friday, 9th June 2017 Simplicity

From Wednesday on, students from Year 12 Homerooms will compete in a Senior Student Competition commencing at the Community Picnic and Games day and continuing through to Friday.

MARIST SOLIDARITY

Brother Suresh and Brother Savari's visit from Trichy has highlighted the journey we have made together over the last three years. Our partnership, fundraising and Immersion experiences have made an incredible difference to the Trichy community. The breezeway through the B Block has been dedicated to this journey.





Director of Studies

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

The date for the Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection evening is Tuesday 13th June. An Invitation letter has been sent home (copy attached to newsletter). Could you please ensure that your son/daughter returns the form with the number of people attending by the due date. This evening is an opportunity to learn about the H.S.C., the subjects available to study, the subject selection process, enrolment procedures and the expectations for senior students. There will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit each Key Learning Area and discuss their specific subjects with Leaders of Learning and with classroom teachers.

Following this, on Wednesday 14th June, students will have a Careers/subject selection day where they will hear from Leaders of Learning - KLS and complete other activities to assist in the selection process.

Students will then be required to upload their preferences via Web Preference Manager by the start of Term Three. They will print the summary page and parents will sign. Then students will meet with members of the College Leadership Team in the first few weeks of Term Three to discuss their preferences.

If you have any questions or concerns around this process, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

PARENT STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 10: Monday, 19th June
Year 11: Tuesday, 27th June
Years 7 and 8: Thursday, 29th June
Year 9: Wednesday, 19th July

Ms T. Ellison
Director of Studies

Pastoral

YEAR 12

Planning for a Formal starts a year before the event and there are many tasks involved in the preparation. I would like to thank the Year 12 Formal Committee for the huge effort they put into organising this year's wonderful event. The Committee comprised Bill Johnson, Kim Castueras and Sarah Popov, great job! A selection of photos from the night have been included in this newsletter.

Mr P. Quigley
Year 12 Pastoral Leader of Learning

Our Year 12 Formal, held on the 20th May at the Epping Club was a night to remember. Despite the anticipated rainfall, the day was blessed with sunshine. Upon arrival, we were greeted by the gorgeous St Patrick's Marist faculty who provided a lively atmosphere and emphasised our year groups' unity. Drinks and canapés were served around the luxurious chandelier as we mingled before entering the ballroom. Professional photographers roamed the area, capturing all the happy and special moments shared. At 7.00pm, the grand doors were opened and we filtered through into an elegant setting of gold and white. The food was served diligently and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. By 9.00pm, people were drawn to the dance floor where they danced the remaining hours of the night away. A special thanks to the teachers, students and partners for coming together and guaranteeing a phenomenal evening. All in all, we'd like to thank Mr Quigley for orchestrating the fantastic night for our cohort to remember before completing our final terms of schooling.

Sarah Popov and Bill Johnson
Year 12

YEAR 10

Congratulations to all of Year 10 on an obvious improvement in the way that they have maintained the yard during recess and lunch breaks. There has been an obvious effort made by those students around the Art Block and Stage to show leadership in relation to waste management.

A reminder to all students that the hands off rule applies to play fighting amongst friends and also to the touching or moving of another person's belongings. Please ensure that we are always respecting a person's personal space and valued possessions.

Mr D. Berner
Year 10 Pastoral Leader of Learning



YEAR 7

Cyber Safety Talk

On Monday 29th May, Year 7 had a talk by our local Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Dakic. Students were engaged as Senior Constable Dakic spoke to them about cyber safety. They learnt how easy it is for strangers to find out information about them via social media apps and the importance of privacy settings to prevent this. Year 7 were informed about the effects of cyber bullying and the importance of thinking before posting comments or messages. Some Year 7 students had this to say:

"Today I learnt how dangerous the internet could be! On the bright side I learnt how to prevent this from happening and how to turn my account on private."

"I learnt that when situations on social media get out of hand, for example when someone that you don't know is messaging you, I learnt that the best thing to do is to block them immediately."

"I found the police talk very interesting and learnt new things. I am grateful that Senior Constable Dakic gave up his time to educate us and help keep us all safe."

"Senior Constable Dakic spoke to Year 7 about being safe while using technology. He talked to us about how easy someone that doesn't know you can find you. He explained the importance of having all our social media accounts on private. He explained if anyone asked you a simple question but you don't know that person that you are to block them immediately. The question could be as simple as what's your favourite colour. "

Mrs A. Papoulas

Year 7 Pastoral Leader of Learning

Key Learning Areas

YEAR 9 COMMERCE

The Year 9 Commerce students have been working hard in their classes with Mr Moussa and Mr Bonora. As part of the topic "Promoting and Selling" their latest project has involved students working in small groups in their capacity as Marketing Managers.

Their task has been to develop a promotional video pitched at either primary school students or prospective parents who are considering sending their son or daughter to St Patrick's Marist. This has involved interviewing current teachers and students as well as filming images in the school. The students have really enjoyed this activity and both teachers have been most impressed with the quality of production to date. We look forward to showcasing the best videos to the school community at a future College Assembly.



Mr D. Bonora and Mr D. Moussa

Student Leaders



STUDENT LEADERS FORUM

St Patrick's Cathedral

On Tuesday the 23rd of May, our College Captains and Vice Captains (Eleanor Dezius, Dominic Gibson, Curtis Bayeh and myself) were invited by the Catholic Education Office to attend a Year 12 Leaders' Forum at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Alongside 15 other schools, our objective for the day was to discuss and debate on the successes and challenges we, as students, face within a Catholic school. Our thoughts and perspectives were not to be taken lightly and were all brought to the attention of the CEO panel who sat before us. I must say we were excited yet curious to see how the day was to turn out.

Before the day began with the first session, we were introduced to Father D'Souza who ran all the sessions held for us. Our first task for the day was to write down and discuss three successes and challenges we have experienced within the Catholic Education System. It was interesting yet exhilarating to hear the different perspectives that existed within our group. After 30 minutes of brainstorming, Father D'Souza opened the floor to all, where students were able

to voice the ideas brought up within their group. We were intrigued to listen to the many different opinions and perspectives being brought to the attention of us all. Time definitely flew by because before we knew it, it was time for a quick break.

The second session was nothing compared to the first. It was without a doubt less structured, and instead we were asked to bring up any concerns or issues we as Catholic adherents faced throughout our daily lives. Many wonderful and topical debates were raised within seconds, where students were able to converse amongst each other and come up with solutions that could be implemented within Catholic schools to minimise such concerns.

Overall, the day was a brilliant success and we felt honoured to be given such an opportunity to take part in what can be seen as an eye opening experience. On behalf of the student leadership team, I would like to thank Mrs Dunston for continuously providing outstanding opportunities for us to be a part of and I look forward to seeing what lies ahead.

Sarah Ozer
College Vice Captain
12 Edwin

Careers

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Life as a University Student

On Tuesday 30th May, Year 11 students got the opportunity to travel to Western Sydney University for a day to experience a day in the life of a uni student and give us an idea of what we could expect in the years ahead. The day started off with a student panel to ask current students about their experiences at University and the different pathways to gain entry. Then, we selected course lectures from a range of options including Agriculture and Environment, Criminology, Law, Physiotherapy, OT, Health Science, Engineering, Arts and many more. This gave us information about what it would be like to study in each pathway. The last session was a selection of tour campus tours, where we explored the university tv studios, robotics labs, libraries and mooted courts which gave us an insight into the University, its resources, and facilities.

On behalf of Year 11 we would like to thank Ms Lawrence for making this opportunity available and also thank you to Mr. Belcher for accompanying us. I'm sure all students gained something new from this day.

Paige Ellis
Year 11

Counsellor

With the recent tragedy of the Manchester terror attack, it is important to recognise that extensive media coverage of violence, conflict, terror and war in the international community, and here in Australia, means that many children will be aware of world events and the possibility of violence close to home. As a parent, you may be faced with a lot of questions from your children about this tragedy as they try to seek reassurance and ideas as to how to process it. As such, you may find the tips provided in the following Psychlopaedia article to be useful <https://psychlopaedia.org/top-tips/tips-protecting-children-conflict-terror/>

Mrs S. Boulattouf
School Counsellor / Psychologist

Hairspray

Only 3 weeks to go! We are on the countdown to the main event and work on the College Musical is picking up speed!

It is heart warming to see the College community coming together as one to work on this large-scale event. Past and present students, staff and parents are all working up a storm, volunteering their time to create incredible props, sets, costumes, make-up, hairstyles and music.

The student band, are busy learning and rehearsing the huge score of 32 songs plus incidental music, and are sounding incredible!

The cast are working incredibly hard to bring the school an amazing show. Working late every Thursday and attending extra rehearsals, breathing life into the brilliant choreography, delightful harmonies, and endearing characters. It is certainly not an event to be missed!

Don't miss out on this incredible biannual musical showcasing the phenomenal talents of our students! Seats are selling fast, so get in quickly to purchase your tickets for this incredible show!

Tickets available from: www.trybooking.com/oxfu

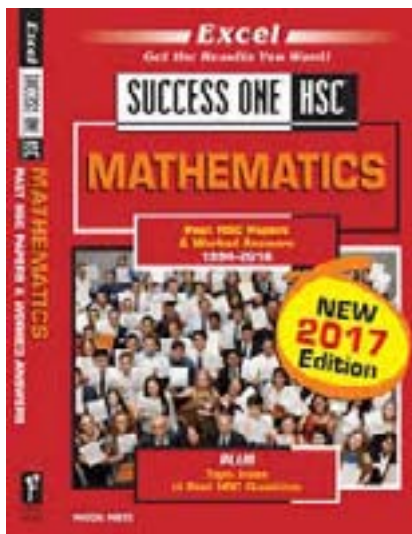
Ms T. Andrews
Leader of Learning - Performing Arts



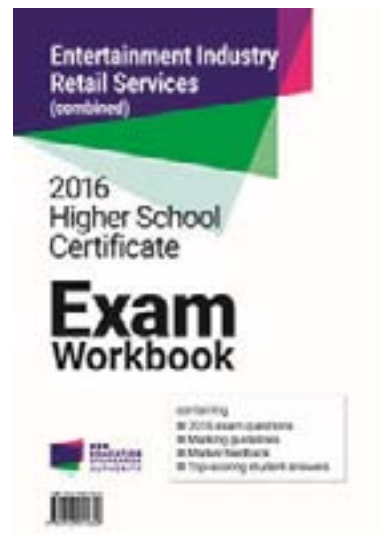
Library

New HSC resources in the library Available from Closed Reserve

Series: SUCCESS ONE: HSC
(2017)



Series: NESA – 2016 HSC
Exam workbook



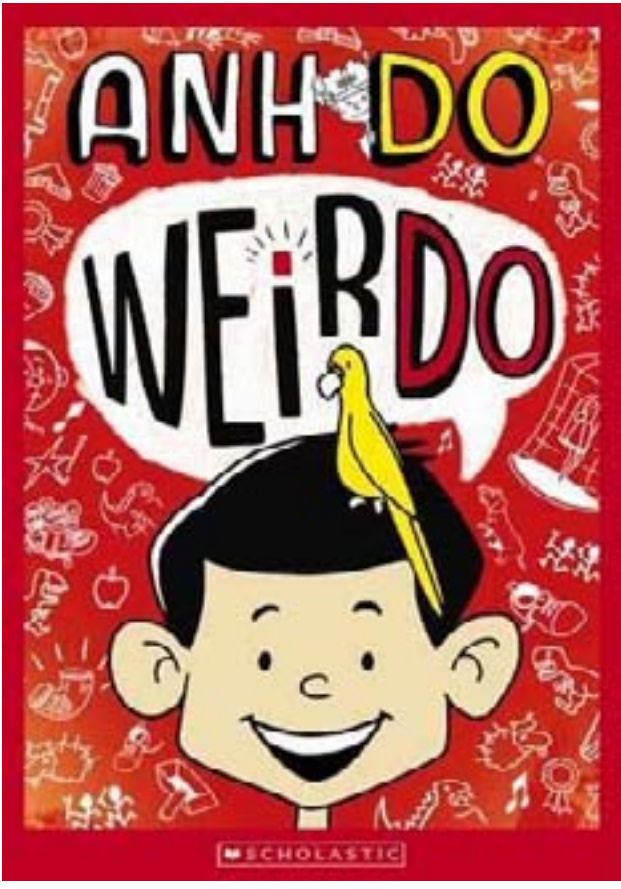
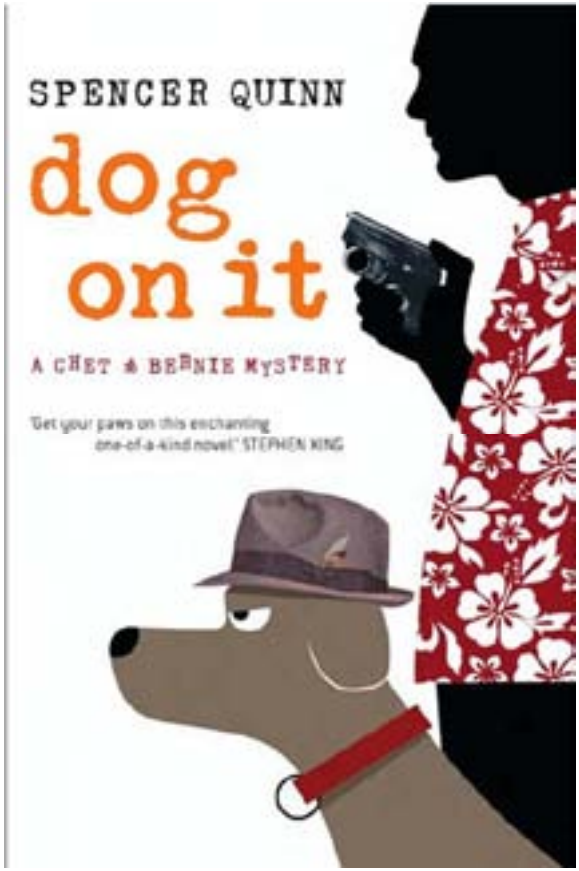
Available Titles

- Biology
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Maths General 2
- Maths Extension 1

N.B. The library will buy in other titles if requested.

Available Titles

- Legal Studies
- PDHPE
- English (Standard) and English (Advanced) Paper 1 – Area of Study
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Physics
- Society and Culture
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Legal Studies

On the shelf	eBook
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<p>Blurb: "My parents could have given me any first name at all, like John, Kevin, Shmevin... anything. Instead I'm stuck with the worst name since Mrs Face called her son Bum."</p> <p>Weir Do is the new child in school. With an unforgettable name, a crazy family and some seriously weird habits, fitting in won't be easy... But it will be funny!</p>	<p>Blurb: This fabulous, funny new detective novel featuring Bernie, a slightly down-at-heel PI; and his offside, Chet, a dog - and the captivating narrator of the story. Chet may have flunked out of police school, but he's just as much a detective as Bernie - superior, sometimes, in his insight into human foibles. In Dog On It, their first adventure, Chet and Bernie investigate the disappearance of a teenage girl who may or may not have been kidnapped, but who's definitely gotten herself mixed up with some very unsavoury characters.</p> <p>N.B Students will need to use their College user name and password to download any ebooks.</p>
Suitable for Years 5 - 8	Suitable for Years 7 - 10



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1st June 2017

Dear Parents of Year 10 Students,

There is an information evening on **Tuesday 13th June** at the College for parents wishing for their daughter/son to continue their studies into Year Eleven next year. The meeting will commence at 5:30pm and conclude by 8:15pm.

The information evening will outline and explain the study of the HSC, subjects available to study, subject selection process, enrolment procedures and the expectations of senior students.

The format of the evening will consist of:

Session 1 5:30 – 7:00pm Parents and students visit KLA rooms where they can talk to teachers about subjects being offered in the Senior School.

Session 2 7:15 – 8:15pm Presentation in the La Valla Centre regarding the HSC, Subject selection, expectations and careers information.

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to make use of the KLA rooms in Session One to help students make a informed choices when considering their preferences.

Next week students will receive a letter with recommended subjects in the KLAs of Religious Education, English, Mathematics and Science. Please use these recommendations to formulate an appropriate pattern of study for your son/daughter.

If your child is intending to continue their study in Senior School it is imperative that you attend the evening accompanied by your daughter or son. Students are required to wear their College uniform on the night.

However, Senior School is not for everyone. There are avenues for study away from the school environment. If it is your intention that your child **is not continuing** with Senior School in 2018 please inform Mr Berner by letter, stating that your child will leave the College at the end of Year Ten. Applications for a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) may then be made.

All parents are requested to complete the reply slip below and ask your daughter / son to return it to their Homeroom Patron by Wednesday 7th May

Yours sincerely,

Ms Therri Ellison
Director of Studies

Reply Form – To be returned to your child's Homeroom Patron by Wednesday 7th May
Year Ten into Eleven Information Evening

Student's Name (Please Print): _____ **Homeroom:** _____

☐ **I will** be attending (give the number of parents / guardians attending) _____

☐ **I will not** be attending the information evening.



Year 12 Formal



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21st February, 1872. On the 8th 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

proudly presents

hairspray

• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •



LA VALLA CENTRE

22nd – 24th

June 2017

7:30pm

Book by

Mark O'Donnell Thomas Meehan

Music by

Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by

Scott Wittman Marc Shaiman

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/OXFU

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Raising Healthy DIGITAL Teenagers

for parents | carers

Mon 19 JUN 2017 | 6PM-8PM

WESTPOINT COMMUNITY ROOM

Level 4, Westpoint Centre, Blacktown 2148

FREE PARENTS and CARERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENING SEMINAR

HOW TO RAISE HEALTHY DIGITAL (11-18 year olds) | TOPICS include:

- ▶ CYBER ISSUE RELATING TO SOCIAL MEDIA
- ▶ DEALING WITH LOW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUE TO ALL NIGHT GAMING
- ▶ RAISING TEENAGERS IN A SEXUALISED SOCIETY
- ▶ SETTING POSITIVE & HEALTHY BOUNDARIES SURROUNDING USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Seminar delivered by: COLLETT SMART

Program Status: OPEN

Collett is a registered Child & Adolescent Psychologist who has been delivering seminars and working with families and young people in UK, USA and Australia for over 20 years.

Collett is well known in the media for her TV & Radio Interviews on the issues impacting families with children growing up in a digitally saturated society.

for more INFORMATION or TO BOOK - Contact JFDS on 9621 3933

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



- ❶ venue next to 'Playtime'
- ❷ with free 3 hour parking