



# Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

Number 13

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017

## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

After much talk in the media, last week saw the arrival of our Naplan results. I am very pleased to report that we are above the state in all areas of Literacy and Numeracy, affirming the work that our teachers and students have been doing. Approximately 50% of our students have reached the minimum HSC standard across the three domains of Reading, Numeracy and Writing. In Year 9 Numeracy, 87.2% of students were at or above expected growth, in Reading a similar figure of 77.9% and 54.2% in Writing.

It is important to realise that these are minimum HSC standards and to recognise that this is the start of a three year journey. Students will have the opportunity to sit for exams in these domains twice a year and we will of course be working with them. I will present the Naplan data, our insights and our plans to move forward at our next P&F on the 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Last Friday, we held our wonderful walkathon with the theme "Around the World". Sporting a fantastic array of costumes, our students set out to complete the 11.2 km course. Although a little windy, it was great weather for our walk. Students returned to a BBQ lunch and a staff student volleyball match which was fiercely contested. A great day was had by all, now comes the challenging part. Every year we raise close to \$40000. This money is shared between our students and our sister school in Trichy. Your donations have made a significant and lasting difference to young people who would otherwise not be able to receive an education. Our SRC students will determine where their portion of the fund raising will be spent. We have a new online system for donating or you are welcome to hand in all monies raised to student services. Could I ask that all donations are made in the next two weeks.

On Friday night, we had over 80 students attend our Vinnie's Winter Sleepout. Despite the chilly evening the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I thank Mrs Donaghy, Mrs Watters and her husband, Mr Moussa, Mr Gabrael, Mr. Paton, Ms Farrugia, Mr Swanell, Mr Scanlon and Ms Hagarty for their organisation and supervision.

At last the new building "Wiyanga" for our High Support class is ready and staff and students are excited to be using the outstanding learning space. Our Year 12 students have patiently waited for the new COLA since Term 4 last year. On Monday, we came together in prayer and then held a ribbon cutting ceremony. It is an absolutely fantastic space, which will also be used for outdoor lessons and other College events. On behalf of our staff, students and families I thank the Catholic Education office for providing this new facility for our community.

SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
88.5%	90%

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## KEY DATES

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
Year 9 Formation Day  
REMAR Gold (25-27<sup>th</sup> Mittagong)

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
P&F Meeting

**Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
MCS Athletics Carnival

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
Father's Day Liturgy

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Information Night

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Leaders Changeover Assembly

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Examinations Commence

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Year 11 Examinations Commence

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 2 Graduation Day

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Term 3 Concludes



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## .... FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Saturday, 12 August a Mass was held at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, celebrating 200 years of Marist Mission and Life. The Principal Celebrant was the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen, Bishop of Parramatta. It was a fitting place for us to recall and celebrate 200 years since St Marcellin Champagnat started the first community of Marist Brothers in 1817 in La Valla, France. John Robinson, Regional Director of Marist Schools Australia (Sydney), and Br Peter Carroll, Provincial of the Marist Brothers in Australia, spoke of the exciting and challenging times that lay ahead, whilst acknowledging the amazing journey that has brought us here. The Mass was a beautiful celebration of our history and our future. St Patrick's Marist College was represented by staff, senior students and parents.

Mrs Angela Hay

### P&F MEETING - ALL WELCOME

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 30 at 7.30pm in Staff Room**

#### Agenda Items:

1. NAPLAN summary results, probably of interest in relation to Band 8 achievement
2. Uniform Update
3. Tour of the new senior common area
4. Pastoral Care Framework

## Pastoral

### YEAR 11

Year 11 have had a busy few weeks this term. During Week 4, Year 11 were on retreat from Monday through to Wednesday. This was an enjoyable occasion for all students and staff members. It is important to take time away from the rigours of senior study and work on investigating our faith and connecting with our cohort. No doubt, the entire group feel a tighter sense of community and are looking forward to the challenges Year 12 brings. I want to publicly thank Mr Paton and Mrs Donaghy for leading the retreat. Also, my sincere thanks to all the staff members that took time away from their families and loved ones to enhance the experience for the students.

During Week 5, we started the Student Leadership process for 2018. Students were able to nominate themselves for a position as either a Prefect or House Captain. Thank you to all students who put their names forward. It is not always easy to put yourself forward for a leadership role. This process will continue next week as we look to finalise roles within the school and vote for College Captains.

Just a reminder that as we move through this term with tremendous speed we are fast approaching end of course exams. Could I ask that parents / carers speak with their child / children about using a study timetable and preparation for exams.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jenna Camacho (11 Mackillop) on her recent win in the Marist Oratory. Also, well done to Bjorn Tandean (11 Chavoin) who won a gold medal in the Cadet Division at the Sydney International Judo Competition.

**Mr S. Belcher**

**Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 11**

### Year 11 Retreat

From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, Year 11 had the amazing opportunity to withdraw from the pressures of school and our everyday lives and come together as a year group for our Year 11 Retreat. We spent three fantastic days at Crusaders Conference and Recreation Centre at Galston Gorge completing various team building exercises and learning a great deal about ourselves as individuals and as a cohort. Some highlights of our retreat were the talent show; where Mr Belcher gave a phenomenal rap performance, the trivia night, mass celebrated as a year group, and the corral activity. Overall, the Year 11 Retreat was an immensely pleasurable experience which facilitated the emergence of invaluable and lasting connections within our cohort which will sustain us through our challenging HSC journey.

**Bella Vancuylenberg and Kelsey Browne**



## YEAR 7

Congratulations to Adam Foley (7 Chavoin) and Jaspen Arathoon (7 Edwin) who have achieved their fourth level Commendation Award - The College Medallion.

### JERSEY DAY: Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Students are invited to wear a "jersey" on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September to support the awareness of Organ Donation. Students are to wear their full winter uniform to school and allowed to put their jersey over the top once at school.

More information can be found on the website: <http://www.jerseyday.com.au/>







### MCCS Year 7 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 7 MCCS basketball team for winning their game in round 5 against Trinity.

**Mrs A. Papoulias**

**Year 7 Pastoral Leader of Learning**

# Key Learning Areas

## ENGLISH

### Year 10 English Excursion – Bell Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' at the Sydney Opera House

On Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, Year 10 set out on an excursion to see a theatre production of Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth'. For the past eight weeks, Year 10 have been engaging in an in depth study of William Shakespeare's tragedy 'Macbeth'. Our study has focused on how ideas about ambition are revealed in the play. After thoroughly analysing all five acts of the play, making annotations, drawing out language features and attempting to grasp an understanding of Shakespeare's writing, we were excited about finally seeing a live performance of the play!

For most of us this would be our first experience watching a live Shakespearean play, equally as exciting was that we were going to be watching it in the Sydney Opera House! I think it's fair to say we were all a bit intrigued to see what this play was going to be like and how the director of the play had chosen to interpret Shakespeare's classic.

Needless to say the performance was very good, and undoubtedly exceeded my expectations! This production of 'Macbeth' was clearly very cleverly developed as the script and storyline stayed the same, but the scenario, portrayal and concepts were modernised, which made it more engaging. I found it very interesting to see how they portrayed certain parts of the play, making it visually and conceptually appropriate. The most surprising part of this experience for me was the fact that most of us could agree that we never found ourselves lost in what was going on, as our classroom learning had not only fully prepared us for knowing the play, but rather allowed us to make deeper connections with the writing, acting and underlying themes of ambition and how they all corresponded with one another.

Overall, it was an extremely successful excursion, as everyone walked out of the auditorium having learnt and experienced something new. I can confidently say many of us thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we would like to thank the English teachers who organised and attended the excursion.



**Ashley Doueihy**  
**Year 10**

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORTS STUDIES

Students in Year 10 PASS are currently completing a unit on Coaching and Leadership and are putting their knowledge into practice with a group of primary school students from St Bernadette's, Dundas Valley. The PASS students have shown fantastic enthusiasm and organisational skills in their lessons and are enjoying the unit immensely.



## Sport



### STAFF STUDENT SHIELD

#### Volleyball

The second fixture of the Staff v Student shield was played after the Walkathon on Friday the 18th of August with the Staff being victorious in windy conditions, two sets to love.

**Mr J. Hornby**



# Oratory

## ANNUAL COLLEGE ORATORY EVENT

Earlier this term saw the College Oratory Competition take place in the Library. The audience of parents, families and students were witness to some very interesting and entertaining speeches that highlighted the calibre of public speakers we have here at St Patrick's Marist. Topics this year included 'Famous Failures', 'Words of Wisdom', 'People to be Admired' and 'The Past Creates the Future'. Students from Years 7-11 showcased their ability to think creatively, undertake research, write with flair and skill and then deliver an engaging and persuasive speech, highlighting their confidence and conviction.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the night as they certainly did their best and should be proud of themselves for getting up and giving it a go. All year groups were outstanding and the adjudicators were impressed with all speakers, making the choice of a winner very difficult. The following students were chosen to go on to the Marist Association Oratory evening on September 6th –

<b>Year 7:</b>	Winner	Aleksander Zhigunov
	Runners up	Mia Boulos and Brooke Mackenzie
<b>Year 8:</b>	Winner	Lara Brimicombe
	Runner up	Regina Kim
<b>Year 9:</b>	Winner	Eve Watson
	Runner up	Brandon Shashati
<b>Year 10:</b>	Winner	Claudia Sobral
	Runner up	Connor Barr
<b>Senior:</b>	Winner	Jenna Camacho
	Runner up	Isabella Vancuylenberg

I wish the best of luck to the winners who will be working hard preparing to represent the College next month. Thank you to the wonderful Year 10 students who assisted as timekeepers and chairpersons on the night: Luke Morgan, Daniel Foley, Isabelle Gilbert, April Purdon, Bernadette Martinez, Julia Martinez, Georgia Owtrim, Elena Thomas, Daniel Foley, Emily Long

**Mrs L. Pett**  
Leader of Learning - English



# Marist Connect

On the 18th of August, 25 of our students from years 11 and 12, along with Mr Moussa and Mr Gabriel travelled to Marist College Eastwood for Marist Connect, held once every term. Being the largest school in attendance, Saint Patrick's was proudly represented. Many of the organisers positively commented on the way in which our students got involved and conducted themselves. Our students quickly made new friends and were getting into the fun of the whole evening.

The evening is set up so that students from all Marist schools in Sydney can gather and make connections and network. The evening was especially important for our year 12 students who found out what was available for them in terms of volunteer and community work post graduation. The connect nights are a good way to get to know the wider Marist family. Other schools in attendance included, Trinity Auburn, Cerdon College Merrylands, Parramatta Marist, Marist Sisters Woolwich, and St Joseph's College Hunter's Hill.

The evening was dedicated to the idea of Living Saints. Students were asked to look at their own lives and determine how they could better serve their families, friends and the community. Students came into a large group and talked about how we could promote more social justice initiatives at the college. The night was led by our ex- captains, Monica Gonzales (2015) and Jerick Nubla (2016) who showed our students that being a Marist means belonging to a lifelong family.

Another Marist Connect evening will occur next term, again at Eastwood. It will be open to our year 11 students. Any students interested in attending, should speak to Mr Moussa. All are welcome to attend these great evenings.



**Mr D. Moussa**

# Library

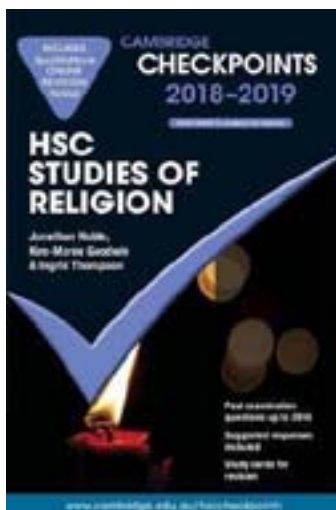
“A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading.”

*William Styron*

## Cambridge HSC Checkpoint series: (New in the library)

Cambridge Checkpoints HSC provides everything you need to prepare for your HSC exams in a go-anywhere format that fits easily into your schoolbag. Each book contains:

- Official past exam questions
- Suggested responses
- Study notes

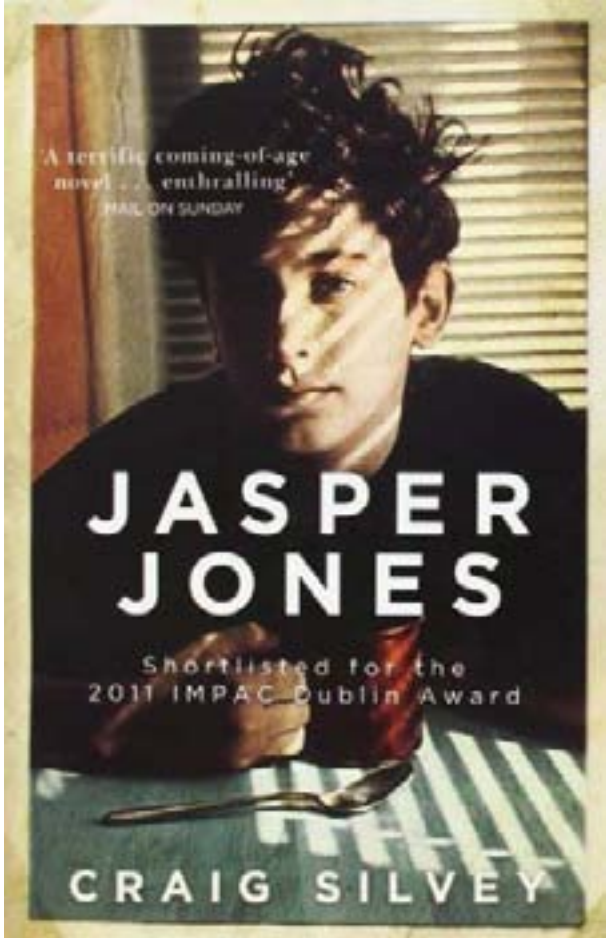



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These titles are available from Closed Reserve at the library front desk.



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<p><b>Blurb:</b> Late on a hot summer night in the tail-end of 1965, Charlie Bucktin, a precocious and bookish boy of thirteen, is startled by an urgent knock on the window of his sleep-out. His visitor is Jasper Jones, an outcast in the regional mining town of Corrigan. Rebellious, mixed-race and solitary, Jasper is a distant figure of danger and intrigue for Charlie. So when Jasper begs for his help, Charlie eagerly steals into the night by his side, terribly afraid but desperate to impress.</p> <p>Jasper takes him through town and to his secret glade in the bush, and it's here that Charlie bears witness to Jasper's horrible discovery. With his secret like a brick in his belly, Charlie is pushed and pulled by a town closing in on itself in fear and suspicion as he locks horns with his tempestuous mother, falls nervously in love and battles to keep a lid on his zealous best friend, Jeffrey Lu.</p>	<p><b>Blurb:</b> Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She has only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs.</p> <p><b>N.B Students will need to use their College user name and password to download ebooks.</b></p>
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# Walkathon

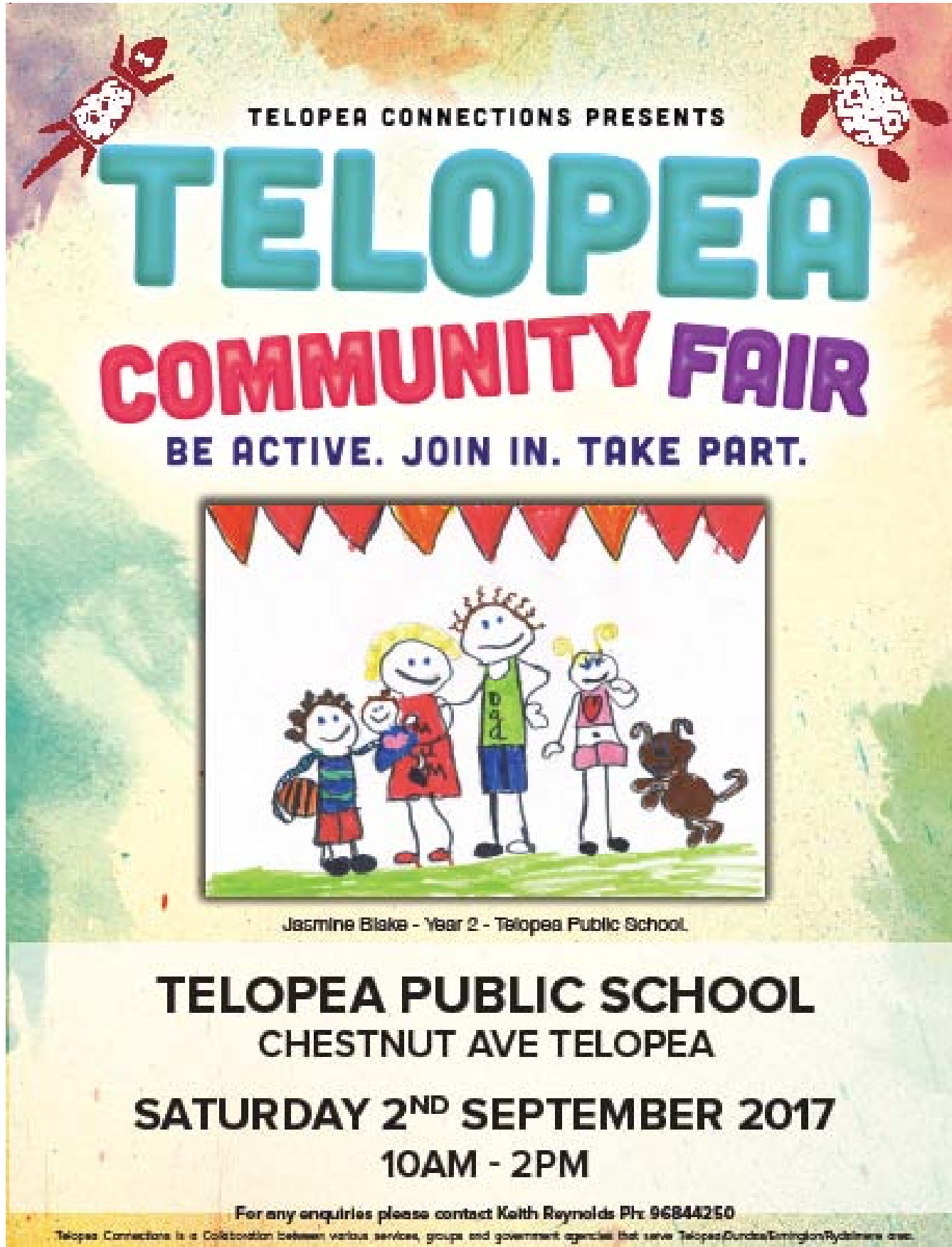


The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1872. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1872, school commenced at St Patrick's. Our Newsletter is named, 'Star of Peace', as it too, hopefully, brings peace and good news to our community.



## MUSIC

Come along and support our Concert Band and Elective Music students who will be performing between 12.00 noon - 1.00pm at the Telopea Community Fair. Flyer following.




TELOPEA CONNECTIONS PRESENTS

# TELOPEA

## COMMUNITY FAIR

BE ACTIVE. JOIN IN. TAKE PART.



Jasmine Blake - Year 2 - Telopea Public School.

**TELOPEA PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
CHESTNUT AVE TELOPEA

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**  
**10AM - 2PM**

For any enquiries please contact Keith Reynolds Ph: 96844250

Telopea Connections is a Collaboration between various services, groups and government agencies that serve Telopea/Dundas/Timberlin/Rydalmere area.

## CAREERS

UAC have made some changes to university applications this year. Preferences have dropped from 9 to 5, and there'll no longer be a 'main round'.

Starting from 2018, Universities will be releasing a majority of offers in the December second round - that's on 21 December but will not fill the quota for any course in December and will reserve sufficient spots to make offers in January. For more information on the new UAC offer rounds and other changes, please visit the [UAC website](http://www.uac.edu.au) (<http://www.uac.edu.au>) or our very own careers website: [stpatcareers.com](http://stpatcareers.com).

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# CAREERS NEWS

## ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE, DUNDAS

In August most Universities, Colleges and TAFE's have Open Days. Now is the opportunity to discover your options and opportunities and think about where you would like to be in the future.

\*\*\* Reminder \*\*\* Early entry for Macquarie Uni need to be in ASAP.

Don't forget to access our online resources, including:

- Myfuture: <http://myfuture.edu.au>
- JobJump: <https://jobjump.com.au/>
- St Pats Careers site: <http://stpatcareers.com>



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[stpatcareers.com](http://stpatcareers.com)



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# JERSEY DAY

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

[JERSEYDAY.COM.AU](http://JERSEYDAY.COM.AU)

JERSEY DAY is a simple concept designed to raise awareness of The Organ and Tissue Authority and the DONATE LIFE network.

On Friday, September 1 we are asking schools and workplaces across Australia to allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school or work to show their support for the DONATE LIFE network and begin the conversation with their friends and families about Organ Donation.

JERSEY DAY has been inspired by the story of **NATHAN GREMMO** who was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

This campaign is all about raising awareness. Simply wear your favourite sporting jersey to school or work on Friday September 1, 2017 and show your support for this cause.



## Make your decision count.

Join the Australian Organ Donor Register to save lives at [donatelife.gov.au](http://donatelife.gov.au)

### Discover

the facts about organ and tissue donation

### Decide

about becoming a donor and register online

### Discuss

your decision with your loved ones

#makeitcount #donatelife





**WEST RYDE ROVERS  
CRICKET CLUB  
2017/2018  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE**

The new cricket season will start in mid-September.

We offer great opportunities to play cricket at many levels:

- Milo in2CRICKET for boys and girls 4-7 years
- Modified games for Under 8-10 boys & girls
- Under 11-16 competition for boys and girls
- Junior girls-only teams
- Senior teams

**For details and to register ONLINE go to**

**<http://westryderoverscc.nsw.cricket.com.au/>**

**Please don't hesitate to contact us  
if you have any questions:**

**email: [registrar@wrrcc.com.au](mailto:registrar@wrrcc.com.au)**

**Phil Mundy (Club Secretary)**

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