



# NEWSLETTER

WEEKS: 7-8 | TERM: 3 | 2019

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL...



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

There are many and varied learning opportunities at St John's Catholic College with outstanding student and staff achievements. Working together and building networks beyond the College, makes us strong.

### **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP):**

We were pleased to be able to accommodate Genevieve Firmer and three other staff and students from St Joseph's Catholic College (Katherine) for the evening of Thursday 29 August, in anticipation of the launch of the Catholic Education Northern Territory Office Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021 (CENT RAP). Bishop Charles Gauci happily supports the RAP and is praying for the success of

the activities and initiatives outlined in it.

We thank our own Melanie Luck, who as a member of the CENT RAP Working Party was involved in the development of the CENT RAP. She participated with Scott Mannion, and two students, Deanne Anderson-Broome and Isadora Lorenzo, in the launch that was described as a really valuable experience for participants.

At the event the attendees had the opportunity to paint a tile which will be placed in the Gab Nilgam garden for people to enjoy for years to come. Schools from the Top End attended, including some of our remote community schools.

Now, together with others, Melanie is helping to develop St John's Catholic College RAP, our community's commitment to building strong relationships, respect and opportunities. If you are interested in being a part of the development of our SJCC RAP, you are warmly welcomed to contact Melanie directly, at: [melanie.luck@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:melanie.luck@nt.catholic.edu.au) or by phone: 8982 2222

### **Cross Country (30 August):**

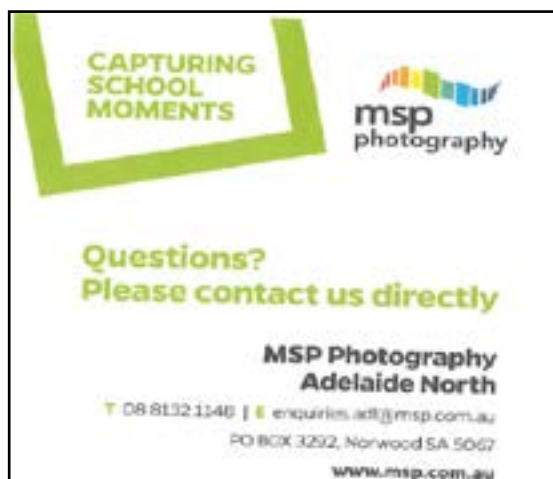
While the CENT RAP launch was occurring, the Annual Cross Country was being run, amid serious athleticism, laughter and cheering.

Congratulations to the 2019 Cross Country winners (below), and all participants for completing the distance. A special thank you to Ben Johns (College Sports' Coordinator) and all staff, without whose support the day's activities would not have been so successful.

Age group	Boys 1st	2nd	Girls 1st	2nd
13s	Bram Wenda	Francis Tipungwuti	Montana Chandler	Raquel Caldwell
14s	Mack Jackson	Deng Jok	May Kantilla	Kada Hutt
15s	Matthais Gaykamangu	Anthony Munkara	Giddy Kantilla	Noelle Fabrice
16s	Salvador Soares	Said Nditje	Aisha Solomo	Isla Baker
17s	Renz Tabangay Zahri McCoy	Dave Lekenila	Firsa Asso	Isabella Llamas
18s	Wal Jok	Morice Mutalemba	En Olga Pawika	Mirielle Matyorautah

**Photo Day (6 September):**

Individual, group and whole school photos were taken by MSP Photography, thank you to Ann-Marie Christianson's planning and the cooperation of all staff and students. Thank you also to parents and guardians who have ordered and paid for your child's photos. Parents are still able to order photos by contacting the photographers directly, with details provided here:

**Retreat (9-10 September):**

We thank the Youth Ministry Team from St Edmund's College (Canberra) and helpers from O'Loughlin Catholic College who lead retreats for the College's Year 7, 9 and IEU students. Along with icebreaker and other fun activities, our students listened to personal accounts of our visitors' experiences of God and their relationships with Jesus. Then students were invited to reflect upon their own life/faith journey, how they can make good choices and use their many personal gifts to put their beliefs into action, making the world a better place for us all. There were tears, much laughter and uplifted spirits of all present.

**High Tea (11 September):**

The College Stage 1 Food and Hospitality students, with the guidance of their teacher Liza Bowers, prepared and hosted an outstanding 'High Tea'. Special guests for the day were representatives from the Asthma Foundation Northern Territory.

One of the visitors, was Darcy Holmes' mum, Leanne, who spoke highly of the support St John's Catholic College community has been for her four children, now young adults, each one making a positive difference in our multicultural world.

Several students were then presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their service at the recent opening function of the Asthma Foundations' new offices in Parap. We were proud to hear that our students' generous hospitality was affirmed by participants at this opening, including dignities from across Australia.

Well done and thank you to Liza for organising the High Tea and all students who made the event possible.







## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

Faith and spiritual formation are fundamental aspects of a Catholic education and is a focus of St John's Catholic College. Year 7, 9 and the IEU students were involved in their Catholic Identity day which was led by members of the St Edmund's College Canberra.

The Year 7 Retreat was held on 9th September and the IEU and Year 9 Retreat was held on the 10th of September respectively. They were both fun filled days with multiple team building and small group activities, which helped students to interact with one another.

A big thank you to St Edmund's College Canberra and O'Loughlin Catholic College, students and staff who facilitated and joined in for the activities over the course of the two days. It sure was a great community gathering.

Thank you once again to all involved.

Denise Simon  
Assistant Principal: Religious Education



## FROM THE ACTING PASTORAL CARE AND WELLBEING COORDINATOR



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

Thank you to those who supported and attended the Newcastle Knights Cup game on Friday 6th September. Unfortunately, we lost the game vs Mackillop 4-22. The team was led by Darcy Holmes, Captain and Elijah Coombes, Vice-Captain. Their leadership skills were outstanding and they represented the College well. A big thank you to Cameron Hughes for coaching the boys while he is on leave. The College will be ready and eager to win the titles back in 2020.

Shinya Nagaike  
Acting Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Coordinator





## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: ADMINISTRATION

Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

### NAPLAN Trial:

Our school is commencing preparations to move NAPLAN testing from paper to online. These activities are part of a national program to transition all NAPLAN testing from paper to online testing by 2021. To ensure we will be ready in 2020, our school will be participating in school readiness testing on Thursday 19th September. The school readiness testing is not a test of the students, but will assist the school to prepare for online testing in May 2020.

Students participating in the school readiness testing may sit up to two 40 minute online assessments; a writing test and a combined numeracy/literacy test.

### Parents/Guardians:

The Subject Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 17 September from 5:00 – 6:30. Information about NTCET & ATAR will be given. Students are encouraged to attend the evening with their parents.

### Year 12 Trial Exams:

Students will do Trial Exams in Week 9 according to the below timetable:

Date	Day	8:00am – 11:10am	12:30pm – 3:20pm
17 / 9	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Mathematics (130m)</li> <li>General Mathematics (130m)</li> <li>Mathematical Methods (190m)</li> <li>Specialist Mathematics (190m)</li> </ul>	
18 / 9	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physics (130m)</li> <li>Physical Education (130m)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Literary Studies (100m)</li> <li>EALD (160m)</li> </ul>
19 / 9	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology (130m)</li> <li>Accounting</li> </ul>
20 / 9	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indonesian (190m)</li> <li>Chemistry (130m)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychology (130m)</li> </ul>

### Year 9/10:

Thank you to Annalea McCurry for organising Poetry in Action. Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed the experience thoroughly. They delivered their performance: Words that Changed the World. The focus was on the power of rhetoric language to influence an audience, particularly in a political context. The play included examples of famous speeches that incorporated logos, pathos and ethos to be persuasive. The performers also provided tips on practicing and delivering persuasive speeches. It was an engaging and very educational performance.

### Academic Care Team:

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