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Dear Members of the SFX Community,

## YEAR 11 2020 AWARD CEREMONY

It was wonderful to be able to recognise the academic achievements of our Year 11 cohort during occasions in Weeks 6 and 7, albeit under ongoing COVID restraints. I have included here my address to the year group and the accompanying challenge that has been presented to them as they prepare for the year ahead.

At the start of this gathering, you entered the College Hall to be greeted by a scroll of names on the screens. The list included more than 350 recipients of this year's Diligence Awards – the longest list of diligence awards I have ever had the privilege to sign. To be honest, these are my favourite awards. While many of the awards presented today are reserved for our top 3 students in courses or the Top 5% of larger courses, and these achievements are extraordinary feats in their own right, the truth is that not everyone has the capacity to receive such awards. No matter how hard some of us try, there may simply be academically gifted students ahead of us, and it is for this reason that I place great value on the awards for Diligence.

Diligence is not an indication of ability; it is a reflection of attitude. It displays our willingness to work consistently in the pursuit of excellence. It is available to everyone. There is not a solitary student in our College who cannot receive commendation for diligence. It requires only that you display a consistency of effort so that your teachers can acknowledge you...and in this year of challenges, more than 350 of you rose to the occasion.

One of the Founding Fathers of the United States of America, Benjamin Franklin, is often credited with a simple one-liner about 'diligence' which I have always respected. Reportedly, Franklin once quipped that 'Diligence is the mother of good luck'. In other words, good luck is not about luck at all, it is the result of a lot of hard work.

I am often bemused when I watch champions play sport and commentators suggest that luck has been on the side of a particular superstar or champion. The truth is that they have often made their own 'luck'. I love the famous reflection on failure by legendary basketballer Michael Jordan who proclaimed openly, that "I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot...and missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." So, when Jordan would make a clutch shot for his team, that was not about luck, it was about extra practice because he used his 'failures' to drive his desire to succeed. It was about being diligent, it was about increasing the likelihood of success by controlling the things within his power. When Shane Warne bowled the ball of last century to dismiss a befuddled Mike Gatting in Test Cricket, he did not bowl one lucky ball, he worked tirelessly for that moment. Luck cannot even begin to describe Ashleigh Barty's rise to become the number one ranked player in women's tennis.

In a similar way I am equally amazed in other walks of life when the achievements of people are simplified to moments of 'luck'. JK Rowling was almost penniless and her work was rejected 12 times, before she got 'lucky' with a book about a teenage wizard. The amazing scientist and Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie did not get lucky when she discovered that radiation could be used to destroy diseased cells and thus advanced our struggle against cancer...she worked with diligence and determination.

The list is infinite...

I must admit that when students prepare to start examinations, I often wish them 'good luck', but what I am really saying is that I believe your diligence will be rewarded. As we journey into our final year of secondary education, I do not want you to leave your hopes to 'luck' – I want you to make your luck through your diligence.

In signing more than 350 awards for diligence, I have been filled with confidence that you have begun this journey well. I would encourage you today to maintain your commitment. For those who did not receive recognition for their diligence in Year 11, then I would encourage you to approach your studies with renewed vigour – remember that it is an award that says little about luck and everything about attitude.

Well done Year 11, 2020 – we are delighted today to celebrate your achievements thus far – and we are looking forward to what the year ahead may hold.

## YEAR 12 2020 SHOWCASES

In the last few weeks, we have seen the acknowledgement of two Year 12 students whose artworks have been selected to be a part of the ArtExpress showcase which recognises some of the finest artistic achievements of students across the state. We congratulate Chile Hemara and Marli Ryan on this public recognition of their work, as well as those who have assisted them on the journey.

In a similar vein, we have also just received advice that five students in the Technological and Applied Sciences have been nominated for consideration for presentation of their works in the Shape, Texstyle and InTech showcases. These nominations will now proceed to the next phase in the selection process before the College will receive advice of the final selected students. This is a remarkable volume of nominations and reflects the industry of students and staff alike in this important aspect of the curriculum.

#### **RETIREMENT FAREWELLS**

A list of staff who are moving on to other phases of their life journey is included elsewhere in this Lighthouse, but I would like to particularly acknowledge the outstanding contributions of those who are retiring from the profession having provided wonderful service to students over many dedicated years. Warrick Capper, Eileen Love, Peter Wilkinson, and Virginia Woods will all be remembered at St Francis Xavier's College and throughout the diocese for their extraordinary commitment and invaluable contribution to enriching the lives of us all. We hope that the next phase of their journey is richly rewarding.

## A FINAL THOUGHT

As we wend our way toward the conclusion of this 'unprecedented' year, there will undoubtedly be many emotions for families and individuals as we face a very different Christmas. I have had a few conversations recently with those struggling to find their usual Christmas spirit and energy given the struggles that have beset them this year, as well as the great uncertainty that still exists as we enter 2021.

I have walked away from such conversations reflecting once again on what Christmas really means for each of us. Jesus Christ was not born at a time of great joy and positivity throughout the world, yet he was born so that we might have hope. His birth was plagued by trials and tribulations, yet his birth lights the way for all who might follow. Perhaps this Christmas, we are invited to go back to the origins of our faith journey, to accept the challenge of following in Christ's footsteps and to be people of the light. At this moment in history, perhaps when it might be challenging for us to be a light for those around us, this is exactly what our saviour is calling us to embrace. At St Francis Xavier's College, our motto 'Christus Lux Mea' reminds us that Christ is our light in the world, and we are entrusted to share that light each day with those in need.

Merry Christmas everyone. May the Light of Christ guide and protect you and your loved ones.

Greg Ptolemy Principal



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE

## YEAR 11 AWARDS PRESENTATION

## 27 November 2020

The Year 11 awards, in normal times, would have been presented at an assembly in front of the students' peers and their families. We regret that this could not occur in this format, but as significant awards, we certainly did not want to forfeit public recognition.

The Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to congratulate students on their academic achievements.

The College also acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully but who were not award recipients.

Congratulations to the following people who participated in the ceremony.

Natarni James who read Acknowledgement of Country.

**Joshua Haagensen** who performed the theme from 'The Last of Us' by Argentinian composer Gustavo Santaolalla. On solo classical guitar, Joshua performed musically and with poise true to the style intended.

**Harper Parris** who performed his own composition 'Upside Down'. This heartfelt guitar and vocal performance showed a maturity and musicality that was most impressive.

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

The University of Newcastle has generously sponsored awards to recognise excellence in Business Studies, Economics and Legal Studies.

#### <u>The University of Newcastle Awards in</u> <u>Humanities</u>

## Mikayla Burford

Award for Excellence in Business Studies

## **Jacqueline Dorian**

Award for Excellence in Economics Award for Excellence in Legal Studies

## **Bryce Ham**

Award for Excellence in Economics

## **Mitchel Tapera**

Award for Excellence in Business Studies

#### The University of Newcastle Wollotuka Institute Award

## Jessica Burns

Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Studies

## SEVEN ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### Leah O'Hagan

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Standard
- First Place: English Extension 1
- First Place: Society and Culture
- Second Place: English Advanced
- Second Place: Legal Studies
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Third Place: Modern History
- Carole Houston Creative Writing Award

## FIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS

## **Charlotte Dever**

- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: English Advanced
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- First Place: Modern History
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

#### **Harry James**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Mathematics Advanced
- Third Place: Chemistry
- Third Place: Music 1

## **Amy Theacos**

- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Modern History
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1 Year 12 Award for:
- First Place: Accelerated Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

## FOUR ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### **Amelie Connell**

- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies
- Second Place: Modern History
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Course Excellence Award German Continuers Camden Haven High School

#### Jordy Coyte

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- First Place: Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Second Place: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

## Hannah Geering

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Third Place: Biology
- Third Place: Chemistry
- Third Place: Physics

#### Jodi Govender

- First Place: Visual Arts
- Second Place: Biology
- Second Place: English Advanced
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

## **Bryce Ham**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: Economics
- First Place: Software Design and Development
- Third Place: English Standard

#### **Bianca Payne**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies
- Second Place: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

#### **Emily Vidler**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Third Place: Community and Family Studies

## THREE ACADEMIC AWARDS

## **Poppy Bailey**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- First Place: Earth and Environmental Science
- Second Place: Textiles and Design

## Mikayla Burford

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: Business Studies

## **Estelle Carmichael**

- First Place: French Beginners
- First Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Second Place: Legal Studies

## **Charlotte Dick**

- Academic Achievement: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- First Place: Exploring Early Childhood
- First Place: Studies in Catholic Thought

## **Jacqueline Dorian**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- First Place: Economics
- First Place: Legal Studies

## Joseph Fraietta

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1U
- First Place: Photography
- Second Place: English Advanced

## Jessica Gaudion

- First Place: Biology
- First Place: Earth and Environmental Science
- First Place: Visual Arts

## **Krystal Lowe**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Textiles and Design

## **Mila Maretich**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Mathematics Advanced

## Francesca Moretti

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Food Technology

## Hannah Neville

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: Physics
- Third Place: Earth and Environmental Science

## Jayden Wright

- First Place: Engineering Studies
- Second Place: Chemistry
- Second Place: Physics

## **TWO ACADEMIC AWARDS**

## **Connor Dick**

- First Place: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
- Second Place: VET Business Services

## **Emily Doyle**

- First Place: Drama
- Second Place: Society and Culture

## **Camryn Epton**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- First Place: VET Hospitality

## **Mae Fletcher**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced

## **Samuel Freire**

- First Place: Mathematics Advanced
- Second Place: Engineering Studies

## Ava Gidley

- First Place: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Second Place: Community and Family Studies

## Eliza Gray

- Academic Achievement: Modern History
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

## Taylah Gray

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Business Studies

#### Siena Harland

- Academic Achievement: Business Studies
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

## **Holly Hayes**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Standard
- First Place: Community and Family Studies

## **Emily Holford**

- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced

## **Claire Lewis-Curnoe**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Third Place: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

## Maya Lowe

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Second Place: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

## **Callum Magnay**

- First Place: Marine Studies
- Third Place: Studies in Catholic Thought

## Katie Matthews

- First Place: VET Retail
- Second Place: Drama

## Leianna McCloy

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Music 1

## **Charlotte McKie**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Advanced

## Angus O'Connor

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Standard
- Second Place: Drama

## Cassandra Payne

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Standard
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

## Isaac Petherbridge

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics Standard
- First Place: Investigating Science

## Liam Ptolemy

- Academic Achievement: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

## Ella Stabler

- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

## Zachary Williams

- Academic Achievement: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Third Place: Business Studies

## FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Awards are for Academic Achievement in a Single Course. These awards recognise those students who have achieved first place, and in the case of subjects with a large cohort, students placed second and third, or who have demonstrated Academic Achievement.

## **RELIGION FACULTY AWARDS**

Presented by Jane Rees Religion Coordinator

## Catholic Thought

William Delizzotti Second Place

## <u>Studies of Religion 1 Unit</u>

Emery Wilson First Place

## Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Molly Breasley	Academic Achievement
Scout Brown	Academic Achievement
Amy Chomyn	Academic Achievement
Lani Holz	Academic Achievement
Liam Nolan	Academic Achievement

## ENGLISH FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Mary Picton English Coordinator

## English Advanced

Academic Achievement

## English Standard

**Charlie Bray** 

Jamie Dobinson	Academic Achievement
<b>Ruby Edwards</b>	Academic Achievement
Erik Falcocchio	Academic Achievement
Beau McGregor	Academic Achievement
Zoe Nash	Academic Achievement
Summer Pattie	Academic Achievement

Olivia EveEqual Frist PlaceHeath Sullivan Equal First Place

Hannah Brennan Third Place

## English Studies

Riley Ginns	Equal First Place
Patrick Hagan	Equal First Place
Lily Duggan	Third Place

#### MATHEMATICS FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Andrew Middleton Mathematics Coordinator

## Mathematics Advanced

Mathematics Advanced Awards were awarded to students from St Pius X High School Adamstown.

Ellen Hughes	Academic Achievement
Isabel Lonergan	Academic Achievement

#### **Mathematics Standard**

Jenaya Broad	Academic Achievement
Jai Coxon	Academic Achievement
Gabrielle Dent	Academic Achievement
Elizabeth McSpadden	Academic Achievement
Lucas Musgrave	Academic Achievement
Joseph Howlett	First Place
Mia Chan	Equal Second Place

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#### SCIENCE FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Vina Gibson Science Coordinator

#### **Biology**

Haley Moore	Academic Achievement
Eleanor Neville	Equal Third Place

#### HUMAN SOCIETY & ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Tony Stone HSIE Coordinator

#### **Aboriginal Studies**

Jessica Burns	First Place
Eliza Bailey	Second Place

#### Ancient History

<b>McKenzie Boots</b>	First Place
Miriam Newman	Second Place
Ebonie Moses	Third Place

#### **Business Studies**

Abbey Cave

Mitchel Tapera

#### **Geography**

Audrey Bush Annika Stewart Equal First Place Equal First Place

First Place

## Legal Studies

Laura Vico

Academic Achievement

Academic Achievement

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PDHPE) FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Chris Henry PDHPE Coordinator

#### **Community and Family Studies**

Brieann Ryan Third Place

<u>Personal Development, Health and Physical</u> <u>Education</u>

Ellie Lambkin Academic Achievement

#### Sport Lifestyle & Recreation

Jack Hartigan	Academic Achievement
Jude Jennings	Academic Achievement

#### CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Melissa Wattus CAPA & LOTE Coordinator

#### <u>Drama</u>

Maia Cosgayon Second Place

#### **French Beginners**

Elke Gralton	Equal Second Place
Kadel Snaddon	Equal Second Place

#### <u>Music 1</u>

Lucy Briggs

Second Place

<u>Photography</u>

Audrey Hoskinson First Place

#### Visual Arts

Julia Egan

Third Place

## TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES (TAS) FACULTY AWARDS

Presented by Patricia Stallard TAS Coordinator

#### Design and Technology

Gerard Saccasan First Place

Food Technology

Erin McGrath Second Place

Industrial Technology – Multimedia Owen Lonergan McKenzie First Place

<u>Industrial Technology – Timber and</u> <u>Furniture</u>

Oscar O'Connor First Place

Information Processes and TechnologyNicholas MulhearnFirst Place

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING (VET) AWARDS

Presented by Rosemary Wilkinson VET Coordinator

## **Business Services**

Olivia Gibson Madeline Steel

## **Construction**

Layton BushEqual First PlaceVili PifeletiEqual First Place

Renaldo CaponecchiaEqual Second PlaceLachlan CurreyEqual Second Place

## **Entertainment**

Jordan Snowden

#### <u>Hospitality</u>

Macey Gilbert Grace Hogg Equal First Place Equal First Place

Equal First Place

Equal First Place

## Sports Coaching

Joshua Mann

First Place

First Place

Photo Gallery from 2020 Year 11 Awards Ceremony

























#### Adapted from au.REACHOUT.com

The summer holidays are fast approaching and for the new Year 12 cohort, this will be their last summer holidays as a school student. It is important for students to look after themselves during the Christmas period. For some, this may be a difficult time of year due to many reasons and family circumstances. However, everyone can still seek a positive break in the upcoming weeks.

If things get really tough, call the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 (free call from landlines and mobiles) or Lifeline on 13 11 44 (cost of a local call from a landline or free from a mobile).

Here are some helpful tips to help you during this time.



## Creative and Performing



## **Excitement builds for ASPIRE students from St Francis Xavier's College?**

It is with excitement and anticipation that the ASPIRE students from St Francis Xavier's College work towards the culmination of a year's work and preparation in the Diocesan ASPIRE Production "The Pecking Order".

With COVID restrictions, challenges with rehearsals and being able to rehearse together being so valuable, the culmination of the production will be cause for celebration for many reasons for these students.

SFX members of the vocal ensemble are Maia Cosgayon, Leianna McCloy, Georgina Roach and Joshua Haagensen.

SFX members of the band are **Jordan Snowden** on guitar, **Connor Galvin** on bass guitar, **Miriam Newman** on violin and **Ella Stearman** on clarinet.

Ellia Bertoncello is a member of the dance ensemble.

Katie Matthews, Benjamin Doran, Angus O'Connor and Levi Aislabie are members of the drama ensemble.

These students have rehearsed with a combination of Zoom connections as well as live rehearsals once COVID restrictions were lifted. Details from the Catholic Schools Office are printed below.

It is with great admiration for these students that the College wishes them every success in the final weeks of rehearsals and the recording sessions of their segments and ensembles.

The **ASPIRE Song Writing Competition** is an annual competition with entries being submitted in junior and senior categories. This year, selected entries from St Francis Xavier's College students will be rehearsed and recorded on Monday, 30 November 2020. This is a valuable process for the song writers and to have their songs 'realised' and performed by members of the ASPIRE Instrumental Ensemble is most exciting and a great achievement.

Congratulations to finalists **Leianna McCloy** for her successful song entry titled "Your Lead" and **Jordan Snowden** for his successful song entry "Red P's".

We have been advised that **Jordan Snowden**'s song was the chosen winner for the Song Competition. *Congratulations Jordan!* The ASPIRE organisation awards him a Gift Voucher from Muso's Corner and recording time for his song at Tommy Rock Studios. This is most exciting for Jordan and it will be wonderful to hear his song featured at the ASPIRE performances.

The crew for this Song Writing Competition event were our St Francis Xavier's College VET Entertainment Students. Riley Ginns, Georgina Roach, Cohen Fear, Levi Carmody and Lewis Tabrett, assisted by Jordan Snowden, worked hard to enable all song entrants to be ready, able to rehearse and workshop their songs and then perform them in the actual competition. These entertainment students worked well together as a team as part of their competency hours for their HSC course.

Melissa Wattus Acting Creative and Performing Arts/LOTE Coordinator





#### Tickets \$20 per person per session

Due to COVID-19 restrictions ASPIRE has adapted the way it is to deliver its 2020 production **The Pecking Order**. Normally a large-scale production with over 150 young people involved across six ensembles, ASPIRE is creating a filmed version of the original show. Each of the performance ensembles will have their own day of filming in the Civic Theatre in front of a live audience. The audience will be talked through the plot of the show by cast members. The filmed individual ensembles production will then be cut together and screened at the Civic Theatre on Sunday 7 February 2021.

#### Individual days available for the ASPIRE Studio Audience Experience

## Saturday 16 January 2021: Recording Music at the Civic Theatre at 1pm (finish time approx. 4pm)

Be part of the live studio audience for the ASPIRE stage band sessions. Watch as the band perform the music from the production The Pecking Order as it is professionally recorded in readiness for later studio audience sessions for dance and vocal ensembles. This is a unique opportunity to see ASPIRE's talented young musicians front and centre as they take over the Civic Theatre Stage.

## Tuesday 19 January: Recording Humans at the Civic Theatre at 1pm (finish time approx. 5pm)

Join the human characters of the Pecking Order as we film their scenes and songs in a special live studio audience event. This event involves Junior Drama and Vocal ensembles as well as lead characters from the Senior Vocal Ensemble. Join them all at 'Camp Capacity' a leadership camp run by Cash Vanity – leadership guru and egocentric entrepreneur as they learn about what makes a good leader and challenge their preconceptions.

#### Wednesday 20 January: Recording Bird Song at the Civic Theatre at 1pm (finish time approx. 5pm)

Be entertained by a flock encompassing Rainbow Lorikeets, Fairy Wrens and Mynah Birds as they sing and dance their way through the bird related repertoire of **The Pecking Order**. This event showcases our dance and senior vocal ensembles who will dazzle with their beautiful bird song and fancy flying.

## Thursday 21 January: Recording talking birds at the Civic Theatre at 1pm (finish time approx. 5pm)

Munch the Magpie is desperate to be leader of the flock, but when will it be her turn? Join ASPIRE's senior drama ensemble as they portray the most eclectic flock of birds in Australia. Follow the birds as they negotiate their relationship with the humans and find that in times of adversity, every member of the flock is vital.



## **ASPIRE 2020 Screening of The Pecking Order**

## Sunday 7 February at 1pm and 6pm

This is it! It is my turn; it has to be!' Munch the Magpie is desperate to be leader of the flock, but it seems like everyone else gets picked over her all the time. However, when members of the flock start to disappear will Munch have what it takes to save her friends? Featuring a host of colourful characters of both the avian and human variety, **The Pecking Order** asks what makes a great leader and encourages us to embrace people's differences. Filmed over the course of a week at the Civic Theatre this is an opportunity to see the complete version of ASPIRE's original production for 2020 on the big screen in the beautiful Civic Theatre.



During Term 4 students volunteered to help make Christmas cards for residents in a local retirement home.

The students were very creative and have made some beautiful cards.

Thank you to all students and staff who have been involved.







# **SFX DAY CELEBRATION**



# MacKillop Enterprise Market Stall Project

The Life Skills students have created an 'enterprise' as part of their course work. As part of the *MCK Enterprise*, students made products to sell at a market stall. Below is a description of how the Market Stall related to outcomes and course work.



## **Food Technology**

Students have been fortunate enough to have Samantha Middleton, VET hospitality teacher, offer her time to lead the Life Skills Technology to produce the variety of food goods offered at the stall. Students prepared these food items to sell at the market stall using the Thermomix. Steps and skills when engaging in the process included:

- Induction to the industrial kitchens
- Safety and Hygiene
- Using equipment safety
- Understanding the processes, procedures and language used in an industrial kitchen
- Money skills and customer service skills in the running of the Market Stall
- Enhancing mathematical skills through measurement, using price comparison to get the best deal



## Work and the Community

- Improving employability by learning valuable work skills
- Working as part of a team
- Communication skills with staff and student
- Event management when planning and working on the market stall advertising, workplace safety and set up

## **Design and Technology**

As part of Design and Technology, students have explored different types of design careers, product designs and the process used to create a product. The revamped pots have been part of a larger project to have more colours and plants in the MacKillop Centre courtyard with the goal to enhance the emotional wellbeing of students. The students also produced products to sell at the MCK Enterprise Market Stall.



The students were exceptional on the day and the Market Stall was a big hit with staff purchasing the majority of items for sale.

The students felt a sense of pride and accomplishment that they designed a product, made the product, and planned and delivered such a professional, well organised and successful event.

Profits from the Market Stall were donated to the *'People with a Disability Australia'* organisation in recognition and celebration of **International Day for People with a Disability**.





Marist Student Leadership On Line Gathering







Rosemary Wilkinson Sports Coordinator

## **NSW All Schools Championships**

The championships were held from Thursday, 3 December to Sunday, 6 December. This has been the first school event since the cancellation of all NSW school sport as a result of Covid. Three students competed at this event and performed exceptionally well.



Benjamin Doran U/17 Steeplechase 4<sup>th</sup> place



Grace Hewitt U17 200m 2<sup>nd</sup> place U17 100m 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Grace has also been named in the U/17 merit team and will compete at the National Championships that will be held early next year.



Leroy Reid U19 200m 1<sup>st</sup> place U19 100m 1<sup>st</sup> place U19 400m 2<sup>nd</sup> place Long Jump 3<sup>rd</sup> place

## Surfing

Two of our talented surfers **Amelie Bourke** (Year 12) and **Ellie Lambkin** (Year 11) went head to head on Saturday, 5 December to decide who will be crowned the **Open Women's Club Champion** of Merewether Boardriders for 2020. The champion is **Amelie Bourke**, with **Ellie Lambkin** finishing second.



Amelie Bourke Open Women's Club Champion Merewether Boardriders for 2020

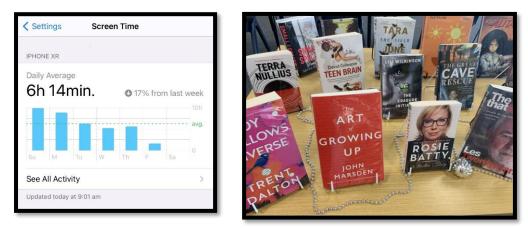


Ellie Lambkin Open Women's Club Second Place Winner Merewether Boardriders for 2020



## Library books can be borrowed over the holidays

*Research published*\* in 2016 found that 15 - 17 year-old students at a Texas high school who spent time reading for pleasure had better academic marks than students who didn't, and the subject with the biggest difference in grades was Maths! If you don't enjoy reading, you might just be reading the wrong books. The library staff encourage students to come in and let us find a book just right for you. Think you don't have time? Check your screen time, and you'll probably find you do have a bit of spare time after all. Other benefits of reading include improved vocabulary, greater general knowledge, and enhanced empathy. Reading is satisfying to the soul, so don't forget to spend some time in a great book over the holidays.



\* Whitten, C., Labby, S., & Sullivan, S.L. (2016). The impact of pleasure reading on academic success. The Journal of Multidisciplinary Graduate Research, 2 (Article 4), 48 – 64.

## **ClickView for the holidays**

Students still have access to ClickView over the break, and there are heaps of great videos on a huge range of topics well worth watching. There are curriculum-related titles, general topics such as job-readiness and interview skills, mental health and wellbeing topics, and many others. And don't forget the Movie+T library which includes popular films, documentaries, films based on English course texts, academy-award-winning movies, Harry Potter, Hunger Games, and much, much more.



## **Aussie Student Inventions Competition**

During Term 4, ClickView is running a nationwide search for Australia's next generation of inventors. With the help of some of Australia's leading innovators, ClickView is giving you the chance to pitch and showcase your inventions to a panel of experts. Within each category (primary, lower secondary, senior secondary, TAFE and university), there are incredible prizes up for grabs for the most

impressive submissions. You'll have the opportunity to receive mentoring and guidance from the expert panel, and a cash prize, to help make your concept or prototype a reality. Submissions can be from individuals or teams. Your submitted invention can be any type, size or functionality. It could solve a problem, make life more interesting or just be incredibly cool! And it doesn't need to be complicated; many great inventions are very simple. Submissions close Thursday, 17 December.

Concepts are submitted via a two-part entry: short video + written report. The invention you showcase in your video could be a working model, a prototype, computer graphics, drawings or photos.

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Goodbye, God bless and thank you for your service to the College.

Luke Baker Warrick Capper Julie Dalton Sarah Gardiner Prue Gillan Eileen Love Bryan Rowe Bianca Sibert Andrew Slater Peter Wilkinson Virginia Woods

# DATES TO REMEMBER

2020	
Friday, 11 December 2020	Year 11 classes conclude
Friday 18 December 2020	HSC and ATAR results released
2021	
Monday, 18 January – Friday, 22 January 2021 Monday, 25 January 2021	8:30 am – 3:00 pm college switchboard open P: 4961 2863
Tuesday, 26 January 2021	Australia Day Holiday – college closed
Wednesday, 27 January 2021	Staff Professional Day 12 noon – 3:00 pm college switchboard open P: 4961 2863
Thursday, 28 January 2021	Staff Professional Day 8:30 am – 3:00 pm – college switchboard open P: 4961 2863
Friday, 29 January 2021	Year 11 students commence
Tuesday, 2 February 2021	Year 12 students commence





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### Switch/Reception

Hours:

8:00 am until 3:30 pm

#### **Finance Office**

Hours:	8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Email:	hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au

#### **Student Services**

Hours:	8:00 am until 3:15 pm
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All student related phone calls can be made directly to the Student Services. If the phone is unattended please leave a message.



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