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February Newsletter

Term 1, Week 4



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Welcome Address

Mark De Vries



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Opening School Mass

Daryl Castellino

On Wednesday 6th February, Santa Sophia Catholic College celebrated their opening school Mass at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, led by Fr Warren Edwards. The Mass was a beautiful way for the whole College community to come together to worship Jesus Christ and ask for God's guidance and protection for the year ahead. This important celebration was attended by parents, Greg Whitby (Executive Director of Catholic Education), Eva La Rocca (Principal of OLA) and Stephen Cauchi (Assistant Principal of OLA). Fr Warren spoke of the uniqueness of Catholic education and the importance of Holy Wisdom in today's secular world.

After the Mass, Fr Warren commissioned the new staff of Santa Sophia Catholic College.





First Weeks of Kindergarten

Deniece Ganac

Kindergarten students have had an amazing start to the school year. The children have spent the last two weeks building relationships with each other, their school teachers and the Our Lady of the Angels community.

We started our school year in an exceptional new classroom filled with new resources, exciting games and equipment, surrounded by the welcoming love of our teachers, families and camera crew! All of the children came to their first day of school with enormous smiles on their faces and hearts full of dreams, ready to embark on a new chapter in their lives!

Our first two weeks of school have involved learning about Jesus, Mary and Saint Sophia, and how we can be like Jesus by using words that make us smile and working together as a team. Each morning we have started our day in prayer circle and have enjoyed learning our prayers and singing new songs. The children have started learning about how letters make sounds and sounds how are used to make words. During Mathematics, the children have engaged in many activities where they have learnt about different positional words. We have also incorporated numeracy aspects into our daily calendar by speaking about how many days there are in a week, months in a year and counting to find out the date for the day. We have also begun our Investigations program where the children are enthusiastically learning more about the four seasons. We even went on a four seasons hunt, which was so much fun! We also celebrated our very first Kindergarten Mass. It was a beautiful experience to be able to pray together as a school community and learn more about our Catholic faith. The barbecue was a great way to end our first week of Kindergarten. Despite the storm, it did not stop us from enjoying the night amongst the company of the students, teachers and families of the Santa Sophia community.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with lots of learning and most of all, a year filled with faith, hope and love.





Medieval Man Incursion

Lisa Kalocsai

Stage 4 History students' driving question in Term 1 is 'How does the past influence the present?' Students will study Medieval Europe and consider how medieval practices have shaped our society and whether the reintroduction of some of these practices would make our society a better place. As part of the project launch, Medieval Man visited Santa Sophia. Students learned about the evolution of medieval weapons and armour and had the opportunity to experience wearing these items. They also learned about medieval crime and punishment. Medieval Man's show enabled students to interact with authentic artefacts and prompted them to consider what life was like for various groups in medieval times. This surface knowledge will be deepened through a series of learning activities throughout the History project.





Cyber Safety

Lisa Kalocsai

During the special program at the beginning of Term 1, Senior Constable Megan Williams visited Stage 4 to discuss cyber safety. She gave the students excellent advice and offered many useful strategies to stay safe online. She also discussed the legal consequences of inappropriate behaviour and the long-term impact on the offender. The students asked Megan many insightful questions and are now better equipped to use their technology and social media appropriately.





Student Reflections

Off to a Great Start

Vito Galati

During the first two and a half weeks of high school, we have done many things. The teachers and subjects at Santa Sophia are unique and different. This school provides lots more opportunities than other schools. The subjects are very interesting and the teachers give us all the practical advice that we need to complete the subject. I am looking forward to doing further work at Santa Sophia because of what I have experienced in these two and a half weeks.



Upcoming Events

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed 2019	Thurs	Fri	Sat
February	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28		
March						1	2
	3	4 Swimming Carnival	5 Shrove Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14 Year 7 Camp	15 Year 7 Camp	16
	17	18	19	20 Open Day 4-7pm (Primary School)	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27 Open Day 4-6pm (High School)	28	29	30
	31						



Attachments

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