Welcome Back...

Remembering Father Michael and Mr Peter Theo OAM

During the school holidays the St Euphemia Community was struck with some very tragic news. With great sorrow we wish to acknowledge the passing of our parish Priest Father Michael Apostolopoulos and our School's and Church's president, Mr Peter Theophilou. We are eternally grateful for everything they have done for our great school. We extend our condolences to both families.

New School year blessing

Welcome back to all our students and their families. We would also like to welcome all the new families that have recently joined our School.

On our first day, all the students in Years 1 to 12 attended a special church service to bless the new school year. Father Panayioti and the whole school also had the opportunity to pray for Father Michael and Mr Peter Theo. We know that they were both looking down on us that day, also wishing us the best for the 2017 school year. May their memories be eternal.

HSC Results

for 2016

The Year 12 class of 2016 achieved outstanding HSC results last year. They have all done us proud and we wish them every success with their future endeavours. Please visit the High School website for more information: www.steuphemia.nsw.edu.au

School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the School fees for Term 1, 2017. Please be mindful that fees must be paid prior to the commencement of each term. If you have not yet paid Term 1 fees, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.
Welcome Prep Class 2017!
It was with great pleasure that we watched the newest members of our school, the 2017 Prep class, join St Euphemia College this month. The students had a wonderful day Greek dancing, singing songs, playing games and learning. We are looking forward to watching their progress throughout the year.

Primary Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 8 February, the St Euphemia Primary School Swimming Carnival will be held at Revesby Swimming Centre, Marco Ave, Revesby.

Students will need to be at School by 8:30am to ensure that their names are marked off the class rolls before boarding the buses. The total cost for the bus and entry into the pool is $15 which must be paid to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Students must apply a 30+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen to exposed skin before coming to School and reapply it as directed by the manufacturer throughout the day. Students also need to bring a hat, towel, their lunch and a bottle of water.

The canteen will be available for the purchase of snacks, drinks and lunches.

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend as spectators, paying an entry fee of $3.90.

We would appreciate some assistance from parents with timekeeping on the day. If you are able to help please see Ms Brazil before the carnival day.

All students will be placed in House colours. The House colours are as follows:
Apollo—blue, Aphrodite—green, Athena – yellow and Zeus – red. Students may either wear their School sports top or a shirt representing their House.

Kindergarten 2018 & Other Vacancies
Applications are now open for Kindergarten 2018. If you are an existing parent and have a child ready to start school next year, please ensure that you fill out an application form as soon as possible and return it to Ms Kiahidis in Reception. If you have any friends or relatives looking for a great school, our enrolment forms are available from the Front Office or online on our website. Children enrolling for Kindergarten 2018, must turn five years of age before 31 July 2018.

The School also has some vacancies in some of the other grades. If you have any friends, neighbours or relatives interested in enrolling their children, please ask them to contact the Primary Secretary for an Enrolment Form or download it from our website.

Parents parking in Roly Poly allocated spaces
It has come to the School’s attention that some of our parents are parking in spots allocated to Roly Poly when picking up and dropping off their children. These parking spots are rented by Roly Poly and under no circumstances is any parent from our School permitted to park there. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
**Personal Information Update**
Any changes to important information such as telephone numbers, emergency contact details, medical conditions etc, should be updated at the School Office as soon as possible.

**Leaving Early**
All parents/caregivers collecting students before dismissal time (3:10pm) for a doctor’s appointment or due to illness, must complete and sign the 'Sign Out' book at the School Office. Parents/Caregivers are not permitted to come to the classrooms to collect their children. All parents/caregivers must wait in Reception for their child to meet them.

**School Hours**
We ask that parents/caregivers be mindful that the school playground is unsupervised before 8:15am and after 3:30pm. Parents are reminded that they are not to leave their children unattended in the playground before 8:15am or after 3:30pm.

School commences and finishes -
- Years K-1: 8:35am - 3:00pm
- Years 2-6: 8:35am - 3:10pm

**School Premises Morning Procedures**
Morning assembly and prayers commence straight after the morning bell at 8:30am everyday. A reminder to all parents who drop off their children in the school grounds in the morning that they need to farewell their children and exit the school premises before 8:30am. We ask that all parents respect and support our morning procedures.

As of Week 3 (Monday 13 February) the new morning procedure that was implemented last year will again take place. Parents/Caregivers are kindly asked to depart the school premises by 8:15am when morning supervision commences. If arriving after 8:15am parents/caregivers are to drop off their children at the school gate where there is a teacher always present. This new procedure is to aid in the safe monitoring and supervision of all students. The procedure ran very smoothly last year and worked well. I thank all parents/caregivers for adhering to our morning procedure.

**Prefect Body for 2017**
With the beginning of a new school year comes the official start of duties for our 2017 Prefect Body. The students in the Prefect Body for this year are:

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School Diary
The 2017 St Euphemia Primary School Diary is now available at a cost of $15. This diary not only allows students to write down their homework, social and sporting commitments, but it also is filled with all the important school dates and events which will take place in the 2017 School year. Students must pay this amount to their class teacher by Friday 10 February.

School Book Covers
Exercise books are not to be contacted. Students in Years 3-6 need to purchase plastic covers to protect their exercise books. These can be purchased from their class teachers at a cost of $15 for ten covers. These covers will last the students the entire year as they can be reused once the existing book is finished.

Master Permission Note
A master permission note will be sent home to all students K-6 on the first day of school. Please sign and return this note as soon as possible.

Cocurricular Classes
Our fantastic Cocurricular Program for Years 3-6 will begin again in Week 3 (Mon 13 February). A separate note has been handed out for students interested in attending these clubs. Notes must be returned by Thursday 9 February. Remember, there are only limited spaces in each class and a guarantee of enrolment cannot be given. Please return your notes ASAP.

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Parent/Teacher Information Session
All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Introductory Parent/Teacher Introductory Sessions which are held every year at the beginning of Term 1. The meetings will be held over three days to help accommodate parents who have children in different grades. This will give them the opportunity to attend each grade meeting and not miss out on any important information.

Attendance at this meeting is important and it gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to meet their child’s classroom teacher. It also gives parents and caregivers the chance to become familiar with the content that will be covered throughout the year, behavioural and social expectations of the teacher and also to become familiar with the policies and procedures of the School.

A reminder that this meeting is not to discuss individual children’s progress. It is a general meeting to discuss the items outlined above. The opportunity to discuss individual children’s progress will occur at the end of Term 1 during Parent/Teacher Interviews. Alternatively, an earlier time can be organised with your child’s classroom teacher on request.

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**Church Attendance**

Church attendance is part of the School’s religious education program and all students are expected to attend. Any absences from Church will be recorded on the School Reports.

Students must wear their summer school uniform and assemble in the foyer of the Church hall by 10:00am. Students attending Church with their siblings must inform their class teacher. Church attendance for February is scheduled on the following dates:

Sunday 26 February: Years 5 & 6

**Greek Dancing**

We are very pleased and thankful to have Paroula Thurban as the School’s Greek Dancing teacher. Ms Paroula did an amazing job with the dancing groups in 2016 and will continue to do so this year, incorporating dance, drama and the Greek language to inspire students to learn how to dance.

Kindergarten to Year 6 will have Greek dancing incorporated into their daily timetable as indicated at a cost of $50 a term.

Kindergarten to Year 6 students must place their money in an envelope with their name clearly labelled on the front and hand in to the class teachers.

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**Sport News.......**

**Sport/Bus Transport Levy**

The bus levy for Term 1 sport for all students in Years 3-6 must be paid to the class teacher by Friday 10 February, 2017. The cost is $30.

**Sport Days**

Sports Day for the Infants is on Thursdays and for the Primary students on Fridays. On these days, students are to come to School in their sport uniform and ensure that they have their School hat and a water bottle.

**IPSHA Swimming Carnival**

The 2017 IPSHA Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 7 March at the Homebush Aquatic Centre. The carnival will run between 8:00am–3:00pm. Parents are welcome to come and cheer our students on. A note will be given to those students who will be representing our school on the day closer to the date.
PSSA Competition
St Euphemia College participates in the Bankstown PSSA Interschool Sport Competition held on Friday afternoons. During summer, we will field the following teams:

Junior/Senior Boys Cricket—Ms Pozoglou
Senior Boys and Girls Basketball—Mr Nicodemou
Junior Boys and Girls Basketball—Ms Diamant
Boys T-ball and Softball—Ms Vourtsanis
Girls T-ball and Softball—Ms Poulos

The Summer Sports team tryouts will take place on Friday 3 February and Friday 10 February. After tryouts, the students will be informed if they have been selected for the above mentioned teams. It is important to remember that Winter Sports will be just around the corner and there will be another opportunity to represent the School in a Winter PSSA Team. Round 1 of PSSA begins on Friday 17 February. Please note the following training schedule will commence in Week 4, starting Wednesday 15 February.

**Wednesdays** — **Senior Basketball** in the School playground. Concludes at 4:15pm.
**Thursdays** — **Junior Basketball** in the School playground. Concludes at 4:15pm.
**Thursdays** — **T-Ball, Softball and Cricket**— Bankstown Sports Complex (High Street Bankstown). Concludes at 4pm.

All students are reminded to have an extra bottle of water for training sessions. School hats must also be worn while training.

A reminder that parents must collect their children from the respective training sessions promptly and are not to leave siblings unattended at School during training times. Unattended siblings are not the responsibility of the coaches.

**Year 2 Swimming**
As part of Sport for Term 1, Year 2 students take part in a Swimming Program. Swimming lessons will be held at C and M Aquatic Centre at Padstow on the following Thursdays – 9 February, 16 February, 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March, 23 March, 30 March and 6 April.

The cost of the Swimming Program is $160 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Thursday 11 February.

**Year 3 and 5 Intensive Swimming Program**
Years 3 and 5 will participate in the ‘Schools Learn to Swim Program’ at C and M Aquatic Centre at Padstow. This is an nine lesson intensive swimming program. Swimming lessons will take place on the following days starting from Monday 13 February, Tuesday 14 February, Wednesday 15 February, Monday 20 February, Tuesday 21 February, Wednesday 22 February, Monday 27 February, Tuesday 28 February and concluding on Wednesday 1 March.

All students will be assessed on the first day and graded according to their ability. Colour coded caps will be provided and must be worn during each lesson. The cost of the Swimming Program is $160 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Friday 10 February.
Welcome to our new Kindergarten students.....

Our newest and youngest students have settled into ‘big school’ very well. There were plenty of smiles on the first day and unfortunately a few tears, even from the parents. Overall it was a lovely first day for our newest Kindergarten students. Rest assured that the students will continue to settle into the School routine quite quickly.

Starting from Wednesday 1 February and until Friday 10 February, the Kindergarten students will finish school at 2:30pm. Parents must pick their children up from the Kindergarten classroom located on the first floor. As of Monday 13 February, the students will be dismissed at 3:00pm in the main quadrangle.

Welcome to KA!

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Ms Xanthoudakis
Director of Junior School