



Term 2 – Week 5 & 6

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday 20 May – NSW Inter-Schools Chess Competition - Wentworth Falls

Wednesday 25 May and Wednesday 1 June - Maths Help (3:15pm - 4:15pm)

Thursday 26 May – National Sorry Day

Wednesday 1 June - Year 8 Retreat (Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa)

Saturday 4 June - Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition Training Day, St Columba's Catholic College

Laudato si' (*Praise Be to You*) is the second encyclical of Pope Francis. The encyclical has the subtitle "on care for our common home" In it, the pope critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action."

Laudato Si' Week, a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world, is being celebrated 16-24 May, 2022. Throughout *Laudato Si' Week*, you and your community are encouraged to join us in reflecting and acting to bring *Laudato Si'* to life.

[ACBC Reflection for Laudato Si' Week – Day Two](#)

As part of their 'Living Simply' study in Religious Education, our Year 10 students are preparing to teach children at St Thomas Aquinas' Primary about one of the major Laudato Si goals.

Prayer

Gracious God, you are good to all and compassionate to all your works.

As we commence Laudato Si' Week: we are mindful of your generous love in all creation, we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we live, we accept your invitation to engage with the wisdom of Laudato Si' .

With Pope Francis, concerned citizens and all creation,

we commit to the call and challenge of the week ahead,

so that, in prayer and protest, silence and song, reflection and renewal, we might live the Easter promise of love's triumph.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Welcome

This week we welcome Ms Kerry Hogan to the College Staff. She will be joining our HSIE Faculty.

CathWest Innovation College

CathWest Innovation College is part of our system of schools and offers a different approach for students in completing their senior studies in Years 10, 11 and 12, focusing on both a trade training and an inquiry

pathway. **Open Evenings** are scheduled for: Tuesday 24 May 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Mt Druitt Loyola Campus); Wednesday 25 May 5:30pm – 7:30pm (Emu Plains McCarthy Campus). For more information visit this [website](#).

Year 10 Careers Market Opportunity

Unfortunately, the impact of COVID upon bus driver availability resulted in Yr 10 not being able to attend the Careers Market excursion last week. We are exploring alternative opportunities for Yr. 10 so that they do not miss this opportunity to gain essential career guidance and advice for their upcoming subject selections. More details will be provided as soon as arrangements are finalised.

Year 2 St Thomas Aquinas history visit

During week 6, students from St Thomas Aquinas will venture up the driveway to visit St Columba's. Our Yr 10 history students will be leading groups of Yr 2 students on a history tour of the site. It will be a wonderful opportunity for both schools to work together and for the students involved to delve into the rich history of the St Columba's site.



St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates Facebook Page

To keep updated with posts about what's happening around the College, please join the St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates Facebook Page and enjoy photos of students engaging in a wide range of daily activities.

Face Masks

Please be reminded that masks continue to be mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 12 years and older, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered transport services.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 7 June. These can be ordered online by visiting the [Advanced Life website](#). The online order code is **PTK GJW KX6**. If you require a cash envelope, these can be collected by your child from Student Services.



Vaping

The increasing use of e-cigarettes or vapes by young people is a growing concern for school communities. By talking to your child at home about vaping, you help them to understand the risks of these dangerous and unsafe products. This website provides useful information for you in having these conversations <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping>. Vaping is strictly prohibited at St Columba's Catholic College. Students who are caught vaping or in the possession of a vape, will be suspended from school. We will continue to address the safety and wellbeing issues of vaping with students.

eSafety Parent and Carer Webinars

eSafety offers a number of resources for parents and carers to support you in working with your child to keep them safe online. These webinars are offered each month and you can register [here](#).



Parent and carer webinars

2022

2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

<p>January</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Cyberbullying and online drama. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Webinar: Helping kids thrive online (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old).</p> <p>8th February – Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22</p>	<p>March</p> <p>Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).</p>
<p>April</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>May</p> <p>Webinar: Parental controls (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>June</p> <p>Webinar: Online gaming (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>
<p>July</p> <p>Can't make it to a webinar? You can watch this short video on Parental controls. (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>August</p> <p>Webinar: Popular apps (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>September</p> <p>Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).</p> <p>National Child Protection Week #NCPW22</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Webinar: Guide to the holidays (Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).</p>	<p>December</p> <p>It's December! You can check out our annual Gift Guide here.</p>

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