



### Term 4 – Week 3 & 4

#### Upcoming Events and Reminders

- **Wednesday 12 October - Thursday 3 November:** HSC Examinations
- **Tuesday 25 October:** Blue Mountains City Council Sustainability Workshop (at St Columba's 4:45pm - 8:00pm)
- **Friday 4 November:** Evening Performance Excursion (Sydney Opera House)

#### Upcoming Date:

- Friday 11 November - Staff Professional Learning Day (pupil free day)
- Friday 18 November: Year 7, 2023 Orientation Day

#### News and Other Information

##### Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to have welcomed new staff to the St Columba's community this term:

- Mrs Kelli Brough- Religious Education
- Ms Pia Waring- Leader of Learning Religious Education
- Mr Joseph Woolnough - HSIE for Term 4
- Ms Sandra Murray - Teacher Assistant for Term 4
- Ms Nicole Woods - TAS commencing Monday 14 November.



##### Acting Leadership Roles- Term 4

From Week 3, the following staff will be in acting leadership positions at the College. Please contact them on 4754 8900 to discuss any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing.

- Acting Head of Wellbeing- Mr Ben Born
- Acting Leader of Wellbeing Year 9- Mr Anthony Silvestrini

##### Parent Listening Assemblies

All parents are invited to attend one of four listening assemblies on the 21st of November at either 3.30pm or 6.00pm or 22nd of November at either 10.00am or 1.00pm.

The purpose of these Listening Assemblies is to provide parents and carers with an opportunity to name those aspects of life at St Columba's they value and also to express their hopes for St Columba's going forward.

Please register for one of these assemblies using the following link [Register here](#) or via the correspondence sent to families on Thursday 20 October.

**Monday 21 November 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Monday 21 November 6.00pm to 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 22 November 10.00am to 11.00am**

**Tuesday 22 November 1.00pm to 2.00pm**

## “Transforming with the Spirit”

### Catholic schools NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander State Education Conference

Last term, a select number of our Year 10 Visual Arts students (Bridie Shingles, Lorraine Santos, Tamsyn Baldwin, Jessica Nguyen, Erin Lisle, Arlo Legaspi, Aurelia Fittler) took part in a one-day workshop creating the backdrops for the conference banners. They worked with Karen Andrews and Elisa Pettenon from the Captivate team and later met with Joshua Sly from Jarara Indigenous Education who shared his cultural ideas with the students.

A few of our Year 9 Music students (Audrey Aridis-Lang, Taylah Cowley, James Docker, Lucienne Heffernan, Patrick Hepworth, Jack Savage, Isabel Van Meeuwen) also participated in a choral event held during the conference on Tuesday.



### BMCC Waste Avoidance / Sustainability Workshops - Tuesday October 25th

Blue Mountains City Council will be presenting 3 seminars on Waste Avoidance and Sustainability at the College on Tuesday 25th of October. Details of each of the workshops are below:

#### 4.45pm - Love Food Waste!

Want to learn how you could save up to \$1,000 per year by simply planning and making clever choices when buying food, and using leftovers? Then this workshop is for you!

#### 6.00pm - How to Compost!

Are you interested in learning how to compost? Not sure where or how to start? Then this workshop is for you! Learn how to compost and use food scraps the way nature intended, by returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

### **7.15pm - How to Worm Farm!**

Are you interested in learning how to worm farm? No space for a compost bin and not sure where or how to start? Then this workshop is for you! Worm farming is not only ideal for small spaces and small families, the worm soil and worm liquid produced by the worms are great for returning valuable nutrients to the soil.

Each workshop is one hour long. The free interactive workshops will leave you with some practical tips, giveaways and further insight into our waste services in the Blue Mountains and enable us, as a community, to move towards a circular economy and transition to zero waste.

All seminars are open to all members of our community and the public. Please park in the car park and make your way to the main archway. Tea / Coffee will be available.

Please RSVP using the following link:

[BMCC Seminars - RSVP](#)

### **Debating News**

The following students have been actively involved in the Blue Mountains Debating Competition this year. All debaters have represented St Columba's Catholic College outstandingly in the various competition rounds held over the year, being encouraging of others and showing a great sense of school spirit.

Our Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 teams all made it to the finals, but unfortunately were narrowly defeated.

Congratulations to all of our debaters for their excellent achievement:

#### **Year 7**

Ella Crncec  
Isobel Reece  
Lily Boersma  
Mollie Malone  
Sienna Hughes  
Michael Graham  
Erin Phelan  
Angelique Robson  
Sophia McDonald  
Payton Henson

#### **Year 9**

Lachlan Steadman  
Baxter Ellem  
Sam McGrath  
Thomas Brosnon  
Corey Herben  
Hayden Willingham  
Montana Barry  
Gabrielle Boyd

#### **Year 8**

Rohan Glinn  
Sam Moore  
Olivia Hanlon  
Mhyumie Murray  
Amelia Steadman  
Jovina Manning  
Alexander Boyd  
Ivy McManus

#### **Year 10**

Arlo Legaspi  
Matilda Gauci  
Huon Peers-Whiting  
Amy Harvey







### **Captivate Eisteddfod**

On Tuesday 18 October, a group of our talented musicians went to Caroline Chisholm Catholic College to participate in the Captivate Eisteddfod. All students performed brilliantly and were very supportive and encouraging of all other performers. Congratulations to these students for your participation, and well done on your success:

Baxter Ellem - 1st - Guitar  
Mia Rodemark - 1st - Drums  
Giulietta Kistan - 1st - Violin  
Jonas Nguyen - 1st - Piano  
Alexis Hodge - 3rd - Drums  
Tom Withers - 3rd - Piano  
Lily Ceniza-Fulgado - 3rd - Voice  
Taylah Cowley - Highly Commended - Piano  
Isabel Van Meeuwen - Participation - Voice



### **Uniform Shop**

At the commencement of this term, Midford took over the management of the College's Uniform Shop.

Please click her for further information and trading times [Midford Uniforms](#)

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