



Term 4 – Week 9 & 10

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- **Tuesday 6 December**- Year 10 Surf School, Manly
- **Thursday 8 December**- Whole College Assembly
- **Friday 9 December**- Final day of Term 4 for Year 10 and Year 12 students
- **Friday 9 December**- Advent Liturgy for all students in Period 1
- **Friday 9 December**- Year 10 Academic Award Ceremony
- **Monday 12 - Friday 16 December**- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Journey
- **Tuesday 13 December**- Duke of Edinburgh Kayak Training
- **Wednesday 14 December**- Final day of Term 4 for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students
- **Wednesday 14 December**- Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Academic Award Ceremony
- **Thursday 15 December**- Year 12 2022 HSC and ATAR BBQ

Important dates for 2023

- **Friday 27 January & Monday 30 January**- Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)
- **Tuesday 31 January**- Year 7 students commence for 2023
- **Tuesday 31 January**- New students Years 8-12 Induction (9:00am - 10:30am)
- **Wednesday 1 February**- All students Years 7-12 return

News and Other Information

Congratulations to Ms Carol Muscat who has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at Xavier Catholic College in 2023. Carol has made a wonderful contribution to the St Columba's community and we wish her well in this exciting new appointment.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

All students and staff are encouraged to donate grocery items to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations are very gratefully collected each morning in Homeroom. Lists of the most needed items are provided to students in Homerooms, and are as follows:

Tinned food
Canned soup
Tinned meats
Tinned pudding
Tins of tuna/salmon
Canned vegetables
peas, beans, carrots,
potatoes, beetroot, corn,
mushrooms

**UHT milk and
breakfast**
Cereal
Long life milk
Powdered milk
Tea bags
Weetbix

Pantry basics
Biscuits
Jelly crystals
Salad dressings
Sugar
Tomato paste

Babies
Baby foods
Nappies

**Pasta/
rice and
quick
meals**
Dried beans, lentils
Instant noodles
Pasta, rice
Pasta sauce
Pasta meals

**Christmas
foods**
Christmas cake
Custard powder
Candy canes
Mince pies
Bon bons
Gravox
Nuts

**Hygiene
products**
Disposable razors
Feminine hygiene
Kleenex
Shampoo/conditioner
Soaps
Tooth care
Shaving cream
Deodorant



Year 10 AMOW

Year 10 students will be completing HSC: All My Own Work on Monday 5th of December. These are compulsory online NESA modules students need to complete prior to beginning their Year 11 studies. These will take place during Period 1 and 2.

Advent Liturgy for the College Community

All students will gather for our Advent liturgy, at which we prepare for the coming anew of our Lord at Christmas, and present our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal donations to be distributed to people in need in the mountains.



Year 10 Academic Award Ceremony

The Year 10 Academic Award ceremony will take place on Friday 9th of December from 10.30-11.30 at St Thomas Aquinas Church. Parents and guardians of award recipients should have received a letter of invitation via email. All of Year 10 will be attending this ceremony.

Year 7-9 Academic Award Ceremony

The Year 7-9 Academic Award ceremony will take place on Wednesday 14th of December from 10.30-12.00 at St Thomas Aquinas Church. Parents and guardians of award recipients will receive a letter of invitation via email. Only award recipients and their families will be attending this ceremony.



Congratulations

Well done and congratulations to Alaina McDonald who has been selected for the Artexpress 2023 exhibition which features a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the artmaking component of the 2022 HSC Examination in Visual Arts. Alaina's work will be showcased in both the Art Gallery NSW and the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre exhibitions.



Artist Statement

The demands of HSC and my own ineffective study practices and procrastination have often brought me to a feeling of burn out, stress and fatigue as I fall more and more behind, unable to catch up. For this body of work, I related these emotions to disintegrating or melting- from which arose the symbol of a melting candle, portrayed through my face becoming progressively more melted into a useless mess.

I applied the surrealist technique of combining dreamlike ideas with a tight, realistic drawing style to help establish an all-nighter setting.

Music Acknowledgement

Julian Sypka (Year 10) recently entered his song "Codependancy/Guideline" into the 2022 JMC Academy Inaugural Songwriting competition. Whilst he did not win the competition, the Head of Music was so impressed by his work that they have offered him the wonderful opportunity to work with a producer at JMC Academy during the holidays.

Fantastic effort and congratulations to Julian !

Update- COVID 19

Due to COVID 19 transmissions rising in the community, we remind you of the following COVID safe measures:

- students must remain at home if they are unwell
- students should only attend school when they are symptom free
- face masks are not mandatory, however students can choose to wear a mask at any time, and should wear a mask if they are recovering from illness
- Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) Kits continue to be available from the Main Reception Office. Please ask your child to collect a kit on your behalf if required.



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