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Time to celebrate all things MAD at St Catherine's. Our annual Music Art and Drama night is next Tuesday 8 March and will showcase our student talents and includes the inaugural Staff Concert...[more](#)

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MICHELLE CARROLL



Past Captains' and Vice-Captains' Breakfast

In conjunction with SCOGA, we have continued our School 120 anniversary celebrations this week and welcomed 53 past School Captains and Vice-Captains for an official 120 St Catherine's School Captains' and Vice-Captains' Breakfast and participation in our Senior School Assembly. This extraordinary group of women attending the Breakfast spanned eight decades at St Catherine's, with Mrs Elizabeth Macindoe, our earliest Captain in attendance, representing the 1948 cohort. Mrs Macindoe enjoyed having a morning out with her daughter, Sally Macindoe, who was also a St Catherine's School Captain in 1984. Other mother/daughter captains included Susan Harrison ('50) with her daughter Fiona Harrison ('81).

In my welcome, I reminded our guests of the importance of their influence as student leaders at St Catherine's over the past eight decades. I believe this influence has added fully to the character and the culture of our School and the very essence of the St Catherine's girl today; each Captain and Vice-Captain making their own mark and contributing in their own unique way to the history and ethos of our School. It is this history that we continue to acknowledge and honour this year.

The past Captains and Vice-Captains enjoyed donning their blue blazers for a photo opportunity, with some guests even discovering their final Captain's speech, delivered on their last day at School, still folded in the inside pocket of their blazer, after years of hanging in the cupboard! It was certainly a tremendous morning and I delighted in the reminiscing of their School experiences. We also enjoyed the opportunity to listen to 1979 School Captain, Dr Amanda Robertson, as she shared her story of her extensive career in Medicine. Dr Robertson's work in the field of Renal Surgery is world renowned after the coordination of six kidney transplants on the one day.

Conference Highlights

As many of you will know, I have recently returned from a week in New York, a very chilly New York I might add, but an exhilarating week nonetheless. The Conference I attended with 1,000 other people representing 23 different countries, was the inaugural Global Forum on Girls Education. The Conference focussed on girls' education, and was full of hope and possibility.

In some ways, the world for me has never felt smaller, and as the Principal of a school in Melbourne, I now feel connected to 1,000 educators across the world, passionate like St Catherine's teachers about girls and education; it was a very powerful experience.

The Opening Address was delivered by American journalist, and social and political activist, Ms Gloria Steinem. Ms Steinem became nationally recognised as a leader and spokeswoman for the feminist movement in the late 1960s and early 70s. She was a symbol for many women of 'struggle, yet optimism'. Ms Steinem provided an eloquent and articulate Address with the attendees at the Conference giving a rapturous applause and a lengthy standing ovation at the close of her presentation. In her Address, Steinem challenged us that "as human beings, we are linked, not ranked". As a society, we are frequently known to rejoice the best, the wealthiest, the fastest.

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SCHOOL DATES

Friday 4 March

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Study Tour

Year 4 Beyond Boundaries Coastal Forest

Senior School HOSG Rowing Regatta

Saturday 5 March

Senior School HOSG Rowing Regatta

Sunday 6 March

Senior School HOSG Rowing Regatta

Senior School Musical Rehearsal 10.00am–2.00pm

Boarders' Program 2.00pm–5.00pm

Monday 7 March

Years 11 & 12 GSV Training (Before School)

Years 9 & 10 Softball Training (Before School)

Years 11 & 12 GSV R5 (After School)

Tuesday 8 March

Years 7 & 8 GSV Training (Before School)

Prep Parent Social Evening 7.30pm

Senior School MAD Night 4.30pm–6.00pm

Wednesday 9 March

PFA Meeting 8.30am

Years 9 & 10 GSV Training (Before School)

Years 9 & 10 GSV R5 (After School)

Past Parents' 120 Celebration Evening, 6.30pm–8.30pm

Thursday 10 March

Years 7 & 8 GSV Training (Before School)

Years 7–12 Running Group (Before School)

Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00pm

Years 7 & 8 GSV R5 (After School)

Senior School House Rowing 4.30pm

Year 8 Parent Social Evening 7.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MICHELLE CARROLL

Steinem suggested "it seems all too easy to forget that white people are not superior to black, that wealthy people are not superior to poor." As a society, we should be focused on the concept of connection (linking), rather than ranking.

In so many ways these words resonated with me. Our current education system, and even at St Catherine's, we seem to work hard at ranking our students – the highest ATAR, the fastest swimmer, the A Team, the First crew, the best score. And certainly, the media in Australia, intent on ranking schools by a number based on a few hours of testing.

Ms Steinem's comments encouraged an importance that we educate girls to understand the way in which concepts, people and our societies are connected. Few ideas exist in isolation. They are all interwoven and are all linked, based on respect and equality. I encouraged our Senior students in Assembly this week to 'connect' with each other, beyond the use of social media and technically driven devices. And to connect through listening, laughing and caring for each other.

What was also abundantly clear was the connection of the past Captains and Vice Captains as they returned to School this week. These women are linked by the common thread of captaincy, a 'link' that extended well beyond the gates of Heyington Place when they graduated.

I also enjoyed hosting a St Catherine's gathering whilst in New York, connecting women of different ages and stages of their lives through their 'link' of being a St Catherine's girl. I was in awe of their capacity to carve incredible careers in New York across financial, legal, medical, advertising and the Arts sectors. Each described a longing for St Catherine's (and home) when they received my light blue gifts at the event and they appreciated the opportunity to link to other SCOGA members living abroad. I wish these Old Girls well, and will enjoy following their career progress, and look forward to linking New York bound St Catherine's graduates to these women in the coming years.

'Good Luck' St Catherine's School Rowers

With months of early morning training sessions complete, the St Catherine's School Rowing team will travel to the Barwon River, Geelong, for the annual Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta; the pinnacle event on the Schoolgirls Rowing calendar. The girls will be racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the heats and repechages taking place on the Saturday and the semi-finals and finals on the Sunday. With over 1,800 competitors entered in the events this weekend, the Victorian HOSG remains one of the largest Schoolgirl Regattas in Australia.

The St Catherine's rowers have enjoyed a very successful season to date under the guidance of Head of Rowing, Mr Dave Fraumano. We are greatly anticipating this weekend. In recent weeks the Senior VIII Crews have been building momentum across the season and have successfully improved on their performances early in January which resulted in both crews qualifying for the Nationals in Penrith over the Easter break. The crews in Years 9 and 10 have also enjoyed a great competitive season with their race confidence growing each week.

School community members are encouraged to support our crews on the banks of the Barwon River over the weekend – just look for the St Catherine's marquee and a sea of light blue ribbons. Our crews will be well-supported by the Parent Support Group, The Heyington Club, with ample support from parents, grandparents and family friends, all wearing the St Catherine's colours.

Congratulations must go to our Rowing Captains, Georgie Gleeson and Annie Anezakis and all of the Senior rowers whose leadership, commitment and role modelling to our younger students has been outstanding all season. The exceptional team work, unity and spirit visibly present in the shed this year is a credit to our Seniors and on behalf of St Catherine's School, I wish all girls an enjoyable and successful regatta.

St Catherine's School Website

Following analysis, research and a series of student and parent consultations, the School has undertaken an upgrade of our website. Most of this upgrade is within the 'engine room' of the website to enable a responsive platform; for example readability on touchscreen and mobile devices. During this process, the School has taken the opportunity to 'lift the envelope' of the website to provide a contemporary and modern interface. I invite you to browse the updated site- www.stcatherines.net.au

Mrs Michelle Carroll
Principal

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS

Learning and teaching should not stand on opposite banks and just watch the river flow by; instead, they should embark together on a journey down the water. Through an active, reciprocal exchange, teaching can strengthen learning how to learn.

Making Connections and Linking Information

Relationships and connections are essential for shared and effective learning. We learn in so many ways and a vital way is to learn from others. By relating well and communicating with ease, respect and trust, the shared ideas of many who are pursuing various curiosities, posing questions, reflecting upon experiences and hypothesising, can lead to rich learning opportunities for all.

The EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework) identifies five outcomes which Campbell House staff work towards throughout the year in each classroom. It is amazing to observe the ways in which the 3YO Program and the 4YO Program staff plan age appropriate activities for their learners and ensure that each day, children are exposed to elements and activities which emphasise one or more of the outcomes. This work is ongoing and staff are passionate about seizing every opportunity for children to acquire skills, confidence, independence as well as total enjoyment.

Campbell House staff constantly encourage our young learners to establish strong and positive relationships with each other and with the staff. Confidence to speak up, to plan together and to share ideas, resources and experience requires a strong foundation of mutual trust.

At this early stage of the year, the learners in the Banksia Room are already demonstrating that they are developing strong connections to their classmates and staff.

Health and Hygiene

Campbell House staff work constantly to both role model and practise correct, adequate handwashing routines at regular, specific times throughout the day. It is vital that young learners appreciate the need to ensure that they have clean hands after toilet visits and before meals in particular.

Young learners need to acquire positive hygiene habits on a daily basis if the endeavour is to ensure that the actions and attentiveness to these aspects are to become automatic. Independence in these areas is sought early.

We ask families to emphasise the practices at home as well.

The following words from Reggio Emilia Philosophy tell us much. Here we share a few of our favourite quotes:

"The art of research already exists in the hands of children acutely sensitive to the pleasure of surprise. The wonder of learning, of knowing, of understanding is one of the first, fundamental sensations each human being expects from experiences faced alone or with others." Loris Malaguzzi

"Stand aside for a while and leave room for learning, observe carefully what children do, and then, if you have understood well, perhaps teaching will be different from before." Loris Malaguzzi

"The cornerstone of our experience, based on practice, theory, and research, is the image of the child as rich, strong, and powerful. The emphasis is placed on seeing the children as unique subjects with rights rather than simply needs. They have potential, plasticity, the desire to grow, curiosity, the ability to be amazed, and the desire to relate to other people and to communicate." Carlina Rinaldi

"All people – and I mean scholars, researchers and teachers, who in any place have set themselves to study children seriously – have ended up by discovering not so much about their limits and weaknesses, but rather their surprising and extraordinary strengths and capabilities linked with an exhaustible need for expression and realisation." Loris Malaguzzi

"Observe and listen to children because when they ask 'why?' they are not simply asking for the answer from you. They are requesting the courage to find a collection of possible answers." Carlina Rinaldi

Mrs Alana Moor
Head of ELC and Barbreck



- 1 Creating a Banksia Magic Beach
- 2 Learning about stick insects
- 3 Making Chinese dumplings with lunch time carer Mrs Caroline Loo

JUNIOR SCHOOL BARBRECK NEWS

STEM Program

With great excitement we announce the name of STEM ROOM which was formerly known as the Morning Maths room and a classroom in which extension, support groups and individuals attend on a timetabled basis throughout the day.

Mrs Glenda Lingard, Head of Extension and Learning Support has redesigned the morning sessions and ensured that the activities offered involve one or more of the following disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Students immerse themselves in problem solving, design and work towards the completion of some interesting and complex projects.

Girls love to absorb themselves in opportunities and challenges which require trial and error, logical thinking, research and building and tinkering! Thus far in 2016, in the mornings from 8.00am, students have experienced the following STEM projects:

- Year 2: A construction and measurement activity using Lego
Year 3: A combination of Science and Mathematics requiring students to follow instructions, measure accurately and observe the outcomes which might involve chemical change
Year 4: Following instructions to make complex 3D constructions using geometric shapes or sophisticated construction kits
Years 5/6: Forensic Science techniques including fingerprinting, handwriting analysis and making shoeprint casts

All of the activities encourage the students to be active participants and to apply problem solving techniques. Parents are welcome to visit the STEM room to witness the projects firsthand that the students are working on during the sessions.

STEM Mornings 8.00am – 8.30am

Monday – Years 5 and 6

Wednesday – Year 3

Thursday – Year 4

Friday – Year 2

Mrs Alana Moor

Head of ELC and Barbreck

Year 3 Star Lab Science Incursion

As part of the Year 3 Science Unit of investigation – Night and Day, the students were excited to experience the large inflatable Star Lab dome. Star Lab provided the girls with the opportunity to be immersed in a 3D like space and learn about the movement of the sun, moon and earth. The girls were also shown how the seasons are formed and the different phases of the moon. The girls gained many new insights into all the concepts covered in class and are now applying their understandings in class activities.

Here are some of their comments:

"I really enjoyed the beginning when we walked in and the rocket took off. It was really exciting."

Callista Galanopoulos

"I found it interesting that they crashed into the earth and created the moon. It was a great experience."

Mietta Jenkins

"I learnt that it would take 20 million years to reach earth 2.0 and that the moon is moving one cm away from the Earth each year, so when I turn 109 years old the moon will have only moved one metre. I had a great time in the Cosmos dome." Chloé Favaloro

"I thought it was really interesting because John taught us how earth started." Natalie Wang

"I liked when all the star constellations came up; I thought it was beautiful." Elisa Wang

"We saw and learnt so much. Now we know twice the amount of information about Space." Portia Gowrie

Mr Tim Tainsh

Year 3 Teacher



1 Chloé Favaloro, measuring ingredients to make slime

2 A group of Year 2 girls working with Lego to build 30cm 3-D structures during a Stem in the Morning Session before School

3 Ashley Harris in Year 2 measuring the height of her structure



Year 3 students explored night and day at the inflatable Star Lab Dome as part of their Science Unit of investigation

JUNIOR SCHOOL BARBRECK NEWS



Barbreck and 4YO Twilight Picnic

Friday 26 February saw a very happy gathering in the Barbreck area after 5.00pm. The annual Twilight Picnic, so well organised by members of the PFA, was once again very well-attended. Special thanks to Mrs Nicole Begley and the parents who planned the excellent evening.

Once again the Teddy Bear parade, which showcased bears of all shapes and sizes, lovingly dressed in the set theme of 'Birthday Bears' was an exciting and engaging part of the night.

The presence of an animal farm and all the delicious food and goodies, added to the atmosphere of fun and friendship. Several new foods on offer were definitely appealing and appreciated!

The gold coin donations upon entry this year go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The Year 6 students are keen to maintain this tradition. Further funds will be raised by the girls this Term towards the Appeal.

Thank you to all staff who assisted in numerous ways at the event and also thanks to the PFA members who attended. We thank all the families who were able to join in the event and staff for all their support and assistance on the night.

Nut Awareness

St Catherine's is a Nut Aware School and, as such, we ask that students do not bring nuts/nut products (eg peanut butter and Nutella) to School. We have a number of students who are anaphylactic to nuts (of all varieties) within the School and we request all families observe the School Policy with regard to this matter.

Mrs Alana Moor

Head of ELC and Barbreck



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Barbreck District Swimming

St Catherine's finished a close second to Loreto in the Armadale District Swim Competition last week. A margin of three points separated the two Schools after an intense morning of racing.

Our 11 Years Relay Team of Madeleine Hooker, Chloe Nevins, Zara Krause and Emma Gregory have qualified through to the Beachside Division finals on Friday 11 March.

Mr Tom Crebbin

Junior School Head of Physical Education

2016 Metro South All Junior Eliminations

Sunday 21 February saw 13 of our 14 and Under St Catherine's Aquatic girls compete at the 2016 Metro South All Junior Eliminations Meet at MSAC. Swimmers competed in up to four of the 50m events, with the top 10 in each age group, in each event, making it through to the semi-finals on Saturday 16 April.

The morning session had six of our 11 and Under swimmers compete; Georgia Hennessey, Sarah Marriott, Lucy Bainbridge, Olivia Monkman-Straub, Portia Gowrie, and Georgia Stoupas.

Morning sessions can be very busy, with young swimmers everywhere. Our team girls did a great job in dealing with the changes to the session, and focusing on their races.

Our morning crew hit 15 Personal Best times from 19 races, a result worthy of praise as a lot of the girls had only set very recent PBs.

Portia Gowrie (Year 3) in the eight and under age group, made the semi-finals in all four 50m events; third 50m Butterfly, fifth 50 Backstroke, sixth 50 Breaststroke and eighth 50 Freestyle.

The afternoon session saw a further five of our club girls compete in the; 12, 13 and 14 years age bracket; Lucy Wentworth, Romy Cantwell, Zara Bongiorno, Elodie Ferrali, Lily Trosdal Ryan, and Heidi Tokatlidis.

The afternoon session was full of great swims by our St Catherine's Aquatic girls, with a number of new PBs set, again breaking recently set personal best times.

Elodie Ferrali (Year 7), in the 12 years bracket, qualified for the semi-finals in three of her swims; ninth 50m Backstroke, tenth 50m Breaststroke, and sixth 50m Freestyle.

At the semi-finals, Elodie and Portia will race against the top 10 swimmers in each event from each of the other three swimming metro's; North, East and West, as well as against our Metro South zone.

The top 10 in each event at the semi's goes through to the finals the following day (Sunday 17 April).

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- 1 Eloise Campbell, Mattea Demetriou, Portia Gowrie and Chloe Barber
- 2 Chloe Nevins, Emma Gregory, Zara Krause and Madeleine Hooker
- 3 Portia Gowrie on the blocks for the 50m Breaststroke
- 4 Romy Cantwell looking pleased with one of her many great swims

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Fantastic work to all girls who raced. You represented your Club and team with pride, and the racing was very entertaining to watch. On Friday 18 March will see the last Club Night in our inaugural PB Challenge Series. Leader boards are displayed all around the pool, and at this point the title of PB Challenge Champion could go to anyone!

[Sign-up](#) now for PB Challenge number four.

Exciting information will be released soon regarding our next Club Night Series. Hint: Olympics!

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Mark Cooper

St Catherine's Aquatic Head Coach

House Volleystars

With the temperature hitting 38 degrees our Years 5 and 6 students were forced into the cool confines of the Senior School Hall on Tuesday to settle the House Volleystars competition.

When it was all said and done it was Holmes Kilbride who emerged winners.

Holmes Kilbride – two wins (44 points)
Davis – two wins (35 points)
Beaulieu Blair – one win (40 points)
Langley Templeton – one win (37 points)

The girls will finish off our final round of House Teeball next week when the weather is more suitable.



1 Davis House Volleystars

2 Beaulieu Blair House Volleystars

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING



2016 – A 'Golden' Year of Golden Opportunities

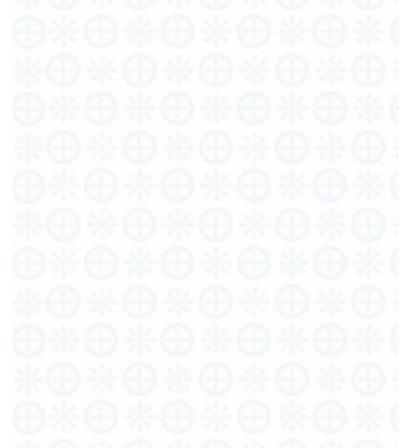
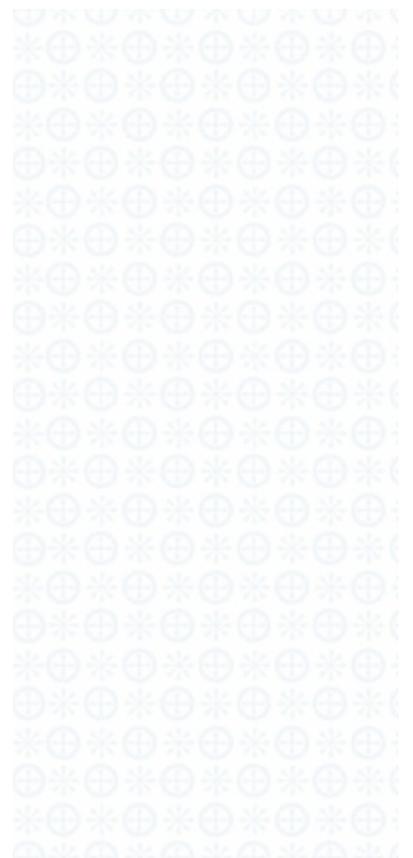
Following the success of the 2015 St Catherine's theme 'Absolutely', the 2016 Year 12 cohort has chosen the word 'Golden' to typify all that St Catherine's girls will strive for and experience this year.

This is an apt and exciting motto given this is the year we are celebrating our 'Golden past' and 120th year. School Captain, Elizabeth Bolt introduced this theme in the first Senior School Assembly of the year, inviting the girls to contribute to their School life with 'golden enthusiasm, whether that be in Rowing, Softball, Swimming, Clarinet Ensemble, Soul Power, Debating, Public Speaking, Environment Club or any other co-curricular or academic activity'. She urged the girls to 'Be bold, be gold'; to make the most of their 'golden opportunities to ensure a truly memorable and fulfilling School life'. Elizabeth reminded the Year 12 students that they only have 150 School days left and to make every day count by being 'the best version of your golden self.'

In keeping with this theme, the School Captain, Vice-Captain and members of the Year 12 Student Executive, introduced the 'Golden' mascot, a teddy bear called Goldie in this week's assembly. They presented a script based on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears, which was complemented by images of Goldie around the School. The St Catherine's version of the fairy-tale had references to Common Room milo and Library bean bags that were 'too milky', and 'too lumpy' before they were 'just right'. After Goldie's exhaustive sampling of milo and bean bags in the script, she met three other golden bears who will assist her to make this a golden year for St Catherine's.

The girls in the audience were thrilled to be invited to borrow Goldie to share in their activities, events and special St Catherine's moments. They were told that Co-curricular Goldie has a very busy schedule, from Year 7 Da Vinci Decathlon to Senior School Debating and GSV Tennis. Goldie has already made an appearance at the Barbreck Twilight Picnic, where she was amongst like-minded St Catherine's furry friends, and has also been spotted down at the Mercantile Rowing sheds on the Yarra as well as taking part in several excursions. We look forward to seeing 'Co-Curricular Goldie' supporting the rowers at the Head of School Girls Regatta and the upcoming House Cross Country and House Athletics, as well as being a supporter of the debaters at Scotch College. 'International Goldie' will be a great travelling companion for the girls going on excursions and trips. A 'very cultured bear' she will no doubt be joining the Fiji trip, the Japanese, USA and Chinese Study Tours, the UK Exchange, and the USA trips. A social stream has been set up on the Student Wellbeing page on [MyStCatherines](#) for the girls to post their photos so we look forward to seeing 'Goldie going for gold' alongside the St Catherine's girls.

Ms Merran O'Connor
Director of Student Wellbeing



STUDIO ARTS EXCURSION AND SEMESTER 1 PARENT TEACHER



Engaging With The Wider Community

Unit 3 Studio Arts students enjoyed a drive out to Healesville to visit the beautiful TarraWarra Museum of Art.

There they were given a detailed and insightful talk on the life and work of Howard Arkley. This was an excellent exhibition of his work which the girls are studying in preparation for the end of year examination.

The gallery itself was also studied so they gain an understanding of the art industry and the role of the TarraWarraMOA. The girls loved the opportunity to explore the surrounding gardens and the magnificently designed gallery.

Mrs Brigid Weeraratne
Head of Arts

Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

All parents in the Senior School have received an email with information pertaining to the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of Term 1.

The email confirms not only the date, time and location of the interviews, but also provides parents with instructions on how to log on to the PTO website via [MyStCatherines](#) and make their appointment times electronically.

Please note the schedule is as follows:

Years 7 to 9 Wednesday 16 March 3.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior School Hall)*

Years 10 to 12 Monday 21 March 3.30pm to 8.00pm (Senior School Hall)*

Boarders only Thursday 24 March 1.30pm to 3.00pm (Sherren House Ballroom)

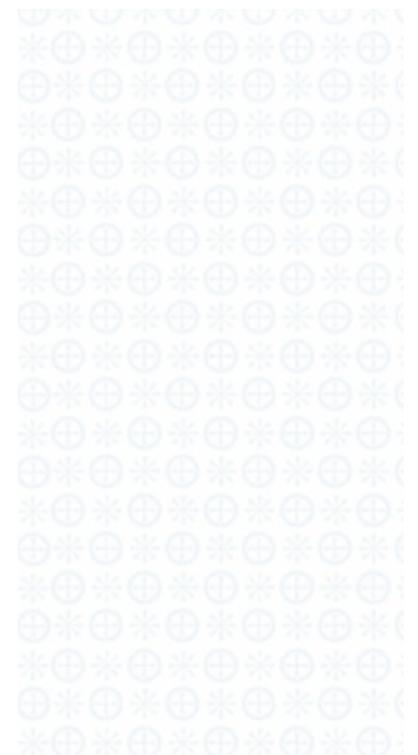
*Some staff may be available from 2.30pm

Each appointment is of six minutes duration.

Bookings must be finalised by 3.00pm the day prior to the interviews.

PTO has proved to be most accessible and easily navigable in the past, but should you encounter any difficulties in using the system, please contact Mrs Jane Cox on 9828 3088 in the Senior School for assistance.

Mr Adrian Puckering
Director of Curriculum Innovation and Development





Last week Ms Kristy Forrest, English, Literature and Philosophy teacher and myself had the privilege of catching up with Old Girl Sarah Lang ('10) at work in her role as Production Coordinator on the ABCs *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*.

Sarah was the recipient of a Collegiate Scholarship to attend Bond University in 2011. Since graduating with a Bachelor of Film and Television, Screenwriting and Directing in 2013, Sarah is known for writing and directing numerous short films and feature screenplays, including *The Nurse* (2012), *Cannes Short Film Corner* 2013, International Film Festival of Cinematic Arts (LA) 2013 and Fastnet Short Film Festival 2013.

Sarah has also worked on various TV series, dramas, and feature films such as *Fat Tony & Co*, *House Husbands*, *Spin Out* and *The Divorce*. She was also Script Coordinator for *Wolf Creek*, The Television Series drama on the Nine Network.

Sarah's other roles over the years have been varied, including script coordination, production assistant, production secretary, production coordinator, researcher and screen writer.

Sarah has always been an exceptionally talented young lady who clearly continues to show her skills and abilities in the media and television space. We look forward to watching her career develop in future years.

Mrs Pauline van der Poel
Careers Practitioner

Debating News

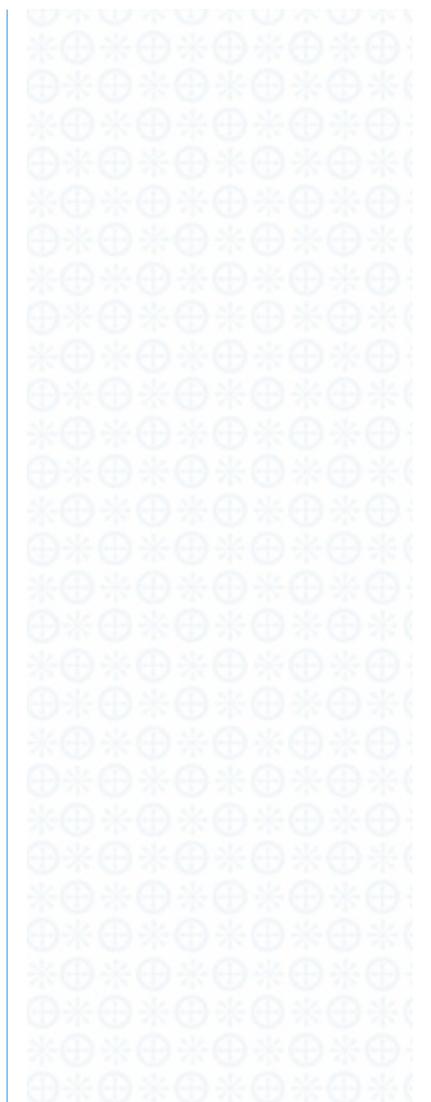
On Thursday 25 February, Senior debaters had their first training session after School. 47 girls attended and trained with their new coaches. Our C Grade girls were tied up with rowing training so this Grade was somewhat depleted but will all be on board for the first debate next Thursday at Scotch College.

Our new coaches are four experienced debaters who are also Old Girls:

- A Grade: Kate Clark ('14)
- B Grade: Tess Price ('14)
- C Grade: Claire Gifford ('14)
- D Grade: Jaquelin Cantarella ('15)

Their expertise in Debating created an exciting buzz at our first training session as their preparation for the first suite of topics was thorough and had our students engaged, rebutting and working collaboratively immediately.

Ms Mary-Anne Keratiotis
Coordinator of Debating and Public Speaking



- 1 A Grade first training session with their new coach Kate Clark
- 2 C Grade hard at work
- 3 D Grade teams with their new coach Jaquelin Cantarella

SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC NOTES

Senior School Musical – *Sweet Charity*

Mr James Brown, co-producer and Director of the musical *Sweet Charity*, this year's Senior School Production, has already dedicated over fifty hours to rehearsing each scene in the show. He has certainly done a wonderful job of ensuring the rehearsal schedule is not demanding student attendance unnecessarily. Our Music team of Ms Andy Dowell, Mr Tim Collins and myself have all covered the teaching of various songs as required, and Orchestra Manager, Mr Leigh Olsson has assembled a wonderful team of musicians which I cannot wait to conduct! It is timely to ask Mr Brown to outline some of the techniques that he has employed in staging the show, and we invite you to attend the performances of some of the big numbers at MAD Night next week.

From Mr James Brown, Head of Performing Arts:

Sweet Charity is a musical about 'a girl who wanted to be loved'. From what we have created and accomplished in the rehearsal process so far, we are sure you will fall in love with the show!

The cast, with representatives from both St Catherine's School and St Kevin's College, have been working tirelessly to learn their songs, choreography, scene blocking and develop their characters over the past five weeks. The VCE Theatre Studies class comprise the rest of the production team and have been working on planning the stagecraft design elements, as well as developing their acting and direction skills and knowledge in different scenes. Alice Philip (Class of '15 Drama Captain) is also back on board as a Production Assistant to work with cast members on refining accents, running scenes, reviewing choreography and giving feedback.

The aforementioned Music staff in Mrs Mathers' write-up have helped the cast to sound the best they can, and Ms White's Fosse inspired choreography is inspiring and spectacular to watch.

I feel very privileged to be part of the *Sweet Charity* team, as this group of staff and students all understand of the importance of a cohesive vision, an understanding of context, and the work ethic required to ensure for a successful synergy across all elements of the musical. Plus we have an enormous amount of fun putting it all together and seeing the show develop.

We will be having a sneak preview at MAD Night next week and tickets will go on sale early Term 2. Watch this space.

MAD Night

March already? MAD Night next week? How can this be?! We are looking forward to presenting our fun festival of Arts next week. The evening of Music, Art and Drama will be ably complemented by the Art Auxiliary who will package and sell the clay flower installation currently on display in the front garden of the School, with all proceeds going to St Catherine's Indigenous Scholarship Program. The Drama Auxiliary will provide a sausage sizzle and the Music Auxiliary will provide drinks, chips and baked goods. As always, this extraordinary parental support is greatly appreciated, especially as it does so much to enhance the feel of the evening.

Music Department Staffing

Ms Janine Hanrahan, Head of Winds, Flute Teacher and Ensemble Director at St Catherine's School for the past fourteen years, will be leaving at the end of Term 1 to pursue a number of other interests and necessities. Whilst the Performing Arts community is saddened by this announcement, we completely understand Janine's changed circumstances and know that her varied role in the school will be ably covered by both new and existing staff. We wish Janine all the best in her new ventures and thank her most sincerely for all that she has done for the school.

We thank Mrs Robyn Miller for filling in so wonderfully in the role of Performing Arts Administrator. Ms Carolyn Zimmermann will be helping us out over the next few weeks. Please continue to address emails to music@stcatherines.net.au for the quickest possible outcome.

Mrs Jenny Mathers

Head of Music

*"Music is ... A higher revelation
than all Wisdom & Philosophy"*
– Ludwig van Beethoven



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Junior Tennis

We had a very positive start to the beginning of Junior Tennis with strong numbers attending pre match training sessions. The Junior Tennis, Team 1 played Loreto at Melbourne Park. They were very competitive and came away with some convincing wins. Well done to all girls on a fantastic afternoon of Tennis. Results were as follows;

Pairs 1 – 4 St Catherine's defeated Loreto – 3 Sets, 29 Games to 1 Set, 16 Games
Pairs 5 – 8 St Catherine's defeated Loreto – 4 Sets, 32 Games to 0 Sets, 6 Games
Pairs 9 – 12 St Catherine's defeated Loreto – 3 Sets, 23 Games to 1 Set, 16 Games

The Junior Tennis, Team 2 played host to Firbank Girls Grammar with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display. Some very promising signs for a great season ahead, the scores are as follows;

Pairs 1 – 4 Firbank defeated St Catherine's – 4 Sets, 32 Games to 0 Sets, 16 Games
Pairs 5 – 8 Firbank defeated St Catherine's – 3 Sets, 29 Games to 1 Sets, 26 Games
Pairs 9 – 12 St Catherine's defeated Firbank – 4 Sets, 24 Games to 0 Sets, 9 Games

Team 1 – Round 2

Team 1 hosted Korowa in their second round of the season and had some fantastic wins. All teams were successful and we had 11 pairs win, some of which were very convincing. All girls were working hard at training to further improve their skills and were working well in their pairs.

Pairs 1 – 4: St Catherine's defeated Korowa – 4 Sets, 34 Games to 0 Sets, 11 Games

Pair 1	Thalia Barbayannis	Isabella McDonald
Pair 2	Charlotte Stern	Eloise Kewley
Pair 3	Charlotte Gough	Lucy Motteram
Pair 4	Eliza Mailer	Stella Heidenreich

Pairs 5 – 8: St Catherine's defeated Korowa – 4 Sets, 32 Games to 0 Sets, 8 Games

Pair 5	Amelia Sun	Anouk Heidenreich
Pair 6	Chloe Joubert	Lucy Campbell
Pair 7	Amelia Jones	Ruby Seymour
Pair 8	Jennifer Madgwick	Francesca King

Pairs 9 – 12: St Catherine's defeated Korowa – 3 Sets, 22 Games to 1 Set, 12 Games

Pair 9	Ava Lansell	Eliza Seymour
Pair 10	Zoe Meggitt	Julia Stern
Pair 11	Isabella Jones	Charlotte Murdoch
Pair 12	Molly Robertson	Annabel Sweetnam

Team 2 – Round 2

On Thursday 18 February the St Catherine's Junior B team traveled to PLC to play their extremely strong team. All pairs faced difficult competition, but the matches allowed the girls to play a higher level and quality of Tennis. Pair four Isabelle Fortey and Ella Johns played extremely well and were able to match the PLC girls in a tiebreak, unfortunately just losing the match. Similarly, pair three Alexandra Shergold and Georgia Green showed some strong skills against their opponents, losing in a close 8–6 match. Overall it was a tough day for the girls, but all showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Pairs 1 – 4 PLC defeated St Catherine's: 4 sets/32 games to 0 sets/16 games

Pair 1	Chloe Cooper	Clementine Newton-Brown
Pair 2	Sophie Garrett	Serena Sitch
Pair 3	Alexandra Shergold	Georgia Green
Pair 4	Isabelle Fortey	Ella Johns

Pairs 5 – 8 PLC defeated St Catherine's: 4 sets/32 games to 0 sets/3 games

Pair 5	Georgie Moors	Ellie Cacopardo
Pair 6	Pippa Naylor	Isabella Mangano
Pair 7	Louisa Reinke	Katherine Lee
Pair 8	Allegra Dennison	Mia Jurcevic

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Eliza Seymour

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Pairs 9 – 11 PLC defeated St Catherine's: 4 sets/24 games to 0 sets/4 games

Pair 9	Zara Carter	Natalia Oberoi-Kearney
Pair 10	Claire Gray	Tingquan (Gloria) Meng
Pair 11	Cheuk Nam (Nicole) Chung	Deána Laletas

Team 2 Round 3

On Thursday 25 February, the Year 7s were on camp, so 11 Year 8 pairs played against MLC at St Catherine's. Both schools were very evenly matched with a wide display of good quality Tennis from both teams. Pair two Charlotte and Isabella, showcased strong skills with a comfortable 8–1 win. Similarly it was great to see Pair three Jennifer and Amelia, and Pair nine Georgina and Ellie battle through close tiebreaks and win their matches. Overall the day consisted of strong Tennis between two very evenly matched teams.

Pairs 1– 4 St Catherine's defeated MLC: 3 sets/28 games to 1 sets/19 games

Pair 1	Thalia Barbayannis	Lucy Motteram
Pair 2	Charlotte Gough	Isabella McDonald
Pair 3	Jennifer Madgwick	Amelia Sun
Pair 4	Zoë Meggitt	Charlotte Murdoch

Pairs 5 – 8 MLC defeated St Catherine's: 2 sets/25 games to 2 sets/24 games

Pair 5	Isabella Jones	Julia Stern
Pair 6	Eliza Leckey	Georgia Green
Pair 7	Sophie Garrett	Serena Sitch
Pair 8	Annabel Brend	Millie Fraser-Smith

Pairs 9 – 11 MLC defeated St Catherine's: 3 sets/23 games to 1 sets/12 games

Pair 9	Georgie Moors	Ellie Cacopardo
Pair 10	Lindsey Ware	Alice Needle
Pair 11	Julia Thompson	Jacinta Yi

Miss Skye Stansfield

Teacher in Charge of Junior Tennis

Junior Softball

With the Year 7 girls away on camp, a diminished Junior Softball team took on Firbank this week. We batted well. Ella Stefanis performed well with two home runs!

Our fielding efforts were strong with good pitching from Madeleine and Nina, and excellent work by Charlotte as catcher. A great double play in the third innings after a Madeleine catch was thrown to Ella Carton was a highlight of the game.

Unfortunately, our small team was unable to match the full Firbank team and the girls came away with a loss this week. Our team this week is to be congratulated on their commitment to Softball and their enthusiasm while playing!

Players were Madeleine Morton, Francesca Charlwood, Kayla Harrison, Ella Carton, Ella Stefanis, Nina Pigram and Charlotte Weir.

Mr Chris Jones

Director of Sport

Rowing Victoria Senior State Championships 2016

St Catherine's School Seniors competed at the state championship regatta on Saturday 27 February, held on lake Wendouree in Ballarat and racing was over 2000m.

A pleasant morning of the regatta saw the Senior Vllls in action. The Geraldine, won their heat convincingly to beat Genazzano and Melbourne Girls Grammar to progress to the A Final. However, the execution of the start in the final was not their best which gave a lead to Geelong Grammar School, who then capitalised to progress to win the race. The Geraldine, despite not racing anywhere near their best,

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Thalia Barbayannis, Lucy Motteram and Isabella McDonald

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still managed a convincing second place and silver medal for the regatta finishing a length clear of Loreto Toorak who received Bronze. We are all very excited to see the Geraldine progress to their best form for the season at Head of the Schoolgirls.

The Boynton continued their steady improvement over the last three regattas by finishing a clear second in their heat to MLC to progress to the A Final. The final saw them a convincing fourth place ahead of Genazzano and Geelong Grammar, while being behind Loreto, Geelong College and the MLC crew. The Boynton is continuing their charge to Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta with improvement in their rhythm through training intensity.

The Doug Ellis, rowing in Division three 4+, rowed in the afternoon session of the regatta. Rowing two divisions higher than what they will at Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta, the students developed between the two races. The heat of the girls had them finish fifth out of five crews. Between races, the girls sat down with myself and George for a goal setting session, where they set themselves clear training goals for the coming week leading into Head of the Schoolgirls. In the final, the girls bounced back to improve to fourth place, this time with the lead crews right through to the 1,000m mark with a significantly improved row. The girls are confident that with focus on their training goals over this week, they can extend that performance through to a full 1,500m of racing in Division five at the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta.

Mr Dave Fraumano

Head of Rowing

Junior State Championships Regatta

On Saturday 27 February our Junior and Intermediate rowers competed at the Junior State Championship Regatta on the Barwon. This regatta was a very impressive display of the all the training and hard work all our girls have put in during the lead up to HOSG.

All of our crews prepared themselves for the racing with pride and professionalism, and conducted themselves in the same manner on the water. The execution of their race strategies was very impressive and I look forward with anticipation to the coming weekend ahead.

Special mention goes to our winning crew from the weekend; the Junior crew of the Will Bernard coached by Mr Ben Burger and Miss Alexandra Hewett.

All of our athletes have greatly benefitted and learned from this recent experience of racing and will continue to improve from the Junior State Championships Regatta.

Junior

Crew	Heat Result	Final Result
Will Bernard	First in Heat	First in A Final
Heyington	First in Heat	Third in A Final
Jess Tallent	First in Heat	No final
Lindsey Williams	Third in Heat	First in C Final
Sylvia Walton	First in Heat	Second in A Final
Spirit of Heyington	First in Heat	Fourth in A Final
Jim Spithill	Fourth in Heat	Third in B Final
John Wilson	Fourth in Heat	Fourth in B Final
Holmes Kilbride	Third in Heat	Fourth in C Final
John Rodd	Second in Heat	Fourth in B Final

Intermediate

Crew	Heat Result	Final Result
Will Bernard	Second in Heat	First in B Final
Heyington	Second in Heat	Third in B Final
Sylvia Walton	Third in Heat	Second in C Final
Spirit of Heyington	Third in Heat	Second in B Final
Jess Tallent	First in Heat	Third in A Final
Lindsey Williams	Fourth in Heat	Fourth in A Final

Miss Alexandra Hewett

Junior Rowing Coordinator



COMMUNITY NEWS

120 YEARS OF BLUE RIBBON RECIPES, 120 CERAMIC GARDEN, ROCK QUIZ MUSIC NIGHT

120 Years of Blue Ribbon Recipes

Today is your final day to submit!

The 120 Year celebration recipe book is nearly complete! Filled with delicious, nutritious and healthy recipes, many families have shared their treasured recipes and family favourites and this book promises to be filled with something for every occasion. If you missed the chance to submit a recipe last year, or are new to the School and would like to submit your recipe, we will be accepting submissions until the close of business today.

What can I submit?

Any recipe that you and your family love, especially ones that you know work well.

How do I submit?

That is easy!

- Online [click here](#)
- Mail Blue Ribbon Recipes, 17 Heyington Place, Toorak, Victoria 3142
- Email to stcaths120cookbook@gmail.com
- Text take a picture of your recipe and send to Christie Freeman 0408420702 (please include your details).

For any queries, contact Mrs Christie Freeman via email at christie.freeman@mail.com or phone, 0408420702.

Mrs Christie Freeman

Parents' and Friends' Association

MAD Night

Time to celebrate all things MAD at St Catherine's School. Our annual Music Art and Drama night is next Tuesday 8 March 4.30pm till 6.00pm. The evening will showcase our student talents and includes the inaugural Staff Concert. With a sausage sizzle and food stalls from our Music and Art Auxiliaries; it will be a fantastic night. To find out more [click here](#).

120 Ceramic Garden

The beautiful flower installation on our School front lawn, made by students and staff to commemorate the 120 birthday will be uninstalled on MAD night, Tuesday 8 March. All flowers will be on sale with funds raised donated to the St Catherine's Indigenous Scholarship Program.

Flowers will be on sale from 4.30pm on the front lawn where you can select your own flowers. Prices are small flowers \$5 each or five for \$20; all individual flowers will be priced from \$10-\$20 dollars depending on size. Art Action and students will be there to assist with the harvesting of these beautiful, unique artworks.

Rocking Quiz Night Two – Brian Nankervis is back!

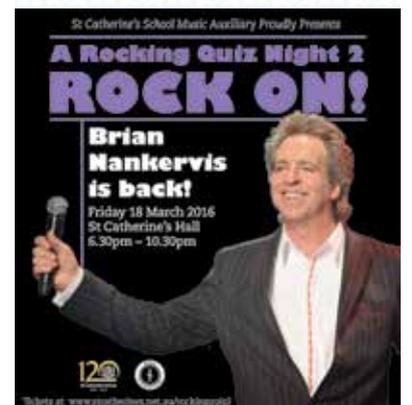
Friday 18 March 2016

6.30pm-10.30pm

St Catherine's Hall

Come along and join our School community for a hilarious and fun family night out. You are sure to have a rollicking good time! Our host, Brian Nankervis of the SBS award winning *RockWiz* series, will delight and dazzle us with his irresistible humour and mischievous wit. BYO picnic dinner and wine. Ticket price includes a dessert buffet, tea/coffee and live performances. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. So be prepared! Expect to laugh, be thrilled, take risks and play games! Tickets \$30 adults, \$10 students/staff/seniors. Please [click here](#) to book.

St Catherine's Music Auxiliary



COACHING FROM AN OLYMPIAN

Coaching in Rowing by Mr Drew Ginn OAM, Olympic Medalist

Rowing is an increasingly expensive sport. The equipment requires regular maintenance and replacement and the Heyington Club raise funds each year to ensure the Program's vitality and continuity. The Heyington Club aims to raise a minimum of \$20,000 annually to enable St Catherine's School to have 'the most state of the art' Rowing fleet and facilities in Australia by 2026.

Through a partnership with Mercantile Rowing Club, parents of St Catherine's rowers are offered a unique opportunity to sign up for a specialist Learn to Row Program run by Mr Drew Ginn OAM. Drew is Australia's most decorated Olympic rower, having won three gold medals and a silver medal in four Olympics, a member of the Oarsome Foursome and has been crowned world champion five times! This Learn to Row Program offers an incredible opportunity for parents to be challenged beyond simply learning how to row. This is to be a snapshot in time of a Rowing season, exploring how groups of individuals come together to learn, set group goals and strive to reach those goals whilst under the expert guidance of Drew Ginn.

Rowing in the Program consists of one X 1.5hr session per week for a total of four weeks commencing Week 1, Term 2 culminating in a mini regatta to be held on the Yarra early May 2016. Please note places are LIMITED and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Cost: \$800 for current Rowing families and teachers, \$900 non Rowing families. Secure your place and register your interest to claudette@walkerandcompany.com.au This is a wonderful opportunity to take a journey with triple Olympic gold medallist, Drew Ginn!!

Ms Louise Lampard

Heyington Club President

