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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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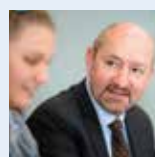
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Cabrini Emergency and Stay Connected

Cabrini Hospital will provide St Catherine's families a heavily discounted rate to visit its Emergency Department. Also this week do not miss an email from St Catherine's School by following these steps...[more](#)

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL MICHELLE CARROLL



Supporting St Catherine's Girls

The St Catherine's School Foundation members were invited to a 'back of house tour' of AFL House this week, incorporating an evening stroll onto the flood lit grounds of Etihad Stadium. Australian Football League Chief Executive, Mr Gillon McLachlan, also provided an interesting address about the future direction of the AFL.

McLachlan is the key driver behind the creation of AFL Media, demonstrating an intuitive grasp of how the media industry is rapidly changing before our very eyes, in particular the growth of digital media. Located at AFL House in the Docklands, AFL Media boasts a growing web platform and strong digital strategy reflecting the need to provide an interactive and timely fan advantage. Commencing in only 2010, the AFL Digital Media is now the number one sports platform in the country with the AFL App the most sourced sporting app in the southern hemisphere with 1.2 million users in 2015 (a 20th of the Australian population). AFL Media employs 115 people in their digital team, less than 10 are women. McLachlan was quick to point out the growing needs of IT skills, and effectively provided a firsthand example of why encouraging girls within STEM fields, and, in particular, the IT industry, is essential. As the father of daughters, Mr McLachlan, is delighted with the direction of ensuring girls also have the opportunity to play Aussie Rules Football at a national level.

This year, the 2016 Youth Girls National Championships held in Melbourne in the first week of May, provided teenage girls with an opportunity to play on the biggest stage in football. In 2010, there were 10,000 girls involved in playing AFL, this figure has grown by 22% year-on-year with 18,000 playing in 2015.

This year, St Catherine's entered a Senior team in the GSV weekly AFL competition, drawing a loyal crowd of parents each week to support the girls' footy pursuits. Whilst still an emerging sport at St Catherine's, the possibility of playing at a National level just became that much more obtainable.

Thank you to the Music staff, ably led by Mrs Jenny Mathers and Mr Tim Collins, and the group of students who also entertained the crowd at the Foundation event this week, Amber Chapman, Phoebe Edwards, Ingrid Crossing, Alexandra Cullen, Georgina Cheale, Frances Curtis and Sona Kocharyan. Their jazz repertoire was highly professional and a great collaboration between staff and students.

At the Foundation event this week, Foundation Board President, Mrs Anne Court and Foundation Board Chair, Mr Wayne Kent, graciously acknowledged the outstanding contribution of recently retired Board members, Mrs Ann Hyam and Ms Louise Lampard.

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SCHOOL DATES

Friday 13 May

Senior School AFL (After School)
Prep to Year 2 Special Visitors' Day
SCOGA 30 Year Reunion 6.00pm

Saturday 14 May

SCOGA 40 Year Reunion 10.30am
Year 12 Formal (Brighton) 7.00pm

Sunday 15 May

Bands Rehearsal 10.00am–4.00pm
Years 7 to 9 Boarders' Program
2.00pm–5.00pm

Monday 16 May

Years 7 to 12 Hockey Training
(Before School)
Years 11 and 12 GSV
(Before School)
Years 11 and 12 GSV Match
(After School)

Tuesday 17 May

Years 7 and 8 GSV Training
(Before School)
SS GSV Preliminary Cross Country

Wednesday 18 May

PFA Ruth Langley Meeting 8.30am
Year 7 Immunisations II (am)
Years 9 and 10 GSV Match
(After School)

Thursday 19 May

Years 7 & 8 GSV Round 5
(After School)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MICHELLE CARROLL

The St Catherine's School Foundation assists the School to achieve its strategic vision to have the best resources, teachers, staff and educational experiences. On top of the income received from tuition and government funds, the School Foundation provides the financial basis for future development. If your daughter (or son in our ELC) enjoys swimming in the St Catherine's pool, learning in the ELC, reading in the Nicholas Library or relaxing in the Year 12 Common Room, she is one of the many current students who are the beneficiaries of past philanthropy and support. This generosity is from current parents, Old Girls, past parents, staff and friends of the School, who have kindly given to provide buildings and facilities to the generations of St Catherine's students.

In short, we are the custodians of the past, active in the present and planners for the future.

The Foundation welcomes the support of all new members. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to support our School's educational resources, please contact Mr Stuart Galbraith, Director of Development and Community Relations on (03) 9822 3032.

Lead Role Appointment

Congratulations to our Head of Maths Faculty, Mrs Janette Matt, who has recently been appointed to the position of the Victorian Assistant Chief Assessor for Specialist Mathematics (Exam 2). This appointment is a reflection of Mrs Matt's depth of knowledge, expertise and experience in teaching Specialist Mathematics and marking VCE Mathematical exams over a number of years. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our students to learn from a leading educator in Mathematics in Victoria.

Mrs Michelle Carroll

Principal

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CAMPBELL HOUSE NEWS



Celebrating Mother's Day

The children in the Early Learning Centre recently hosted celebrations for Mother's Day. The children's excitement built as they prepared for these special events. Collaboratively, the children planned the menus, worked on invitations, cards and gifts, discussed and created the table settings and rehearsed songs to share with their mums.

Once the special day had finally arrived the children's excitement was palpable as they eagerly shared their celebrations with their mums. Together they enjoyed a delicious morning tea and shared time together that will be treasured forever.

Here the children share their thoughts on what they love about their mums:

"I love all of my Mummy! I love her kisses, her cuddles, her heart, her smile and that is all." Amelie

"I love laughing with my Mummy." Nina

"Mummy cooks our pasta. She goes to work and works on her computer." Nicholas

"I love Mamma. She rides my bike with me and plays with me. She buys me flowers and cuddles me." Portia

"At home Mummy does a lot of dishes, ironing and washing." Stella

"Mummy likes gardening and I like to plant seeds in the garden. I like it when Mummy cuddles and kisses me. She reads me stories before I go to sleep. I really, really love my Mummy." Olive

Ms Sarah Bethune

ELC Coordinator



- 1 Eliza Herold celebrating her Mother Christina during the Wattle Room Mother's Day Morning Tea
- 2 Soraya presents her Mum with a special gift
- 3 Banksia mothers enjoying conversation
- 4 Casey Newitt presenting his Mother Karli with a special gift
- 5 Oliver Thomas celebrating his Mother, Nicole, alongside his peers in the Wattle Room

JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Chess Pop Up Session

We have a great many Junior School students with an active interest in Chess. Recently we commenced a series of Pop Up Chess sessions the first of which was held in the Junior School on Friday 6 May. The first sessions have been offered to students from Years 5 to 8 and in future weeks the venue will be in the Senior School. Directing the Pop Up sessions are presenters from Chess Ideas who have the experience and expertise to not only increase our students' level of interest but also to train them and develop their ability to analyse and play the game.

Homework Happenings

Just a reminder to parents that Homework Happenings requires a termly commitment and involves a sign up process. Our numbers are limited and this offering is very popular. Any attendance has to be arranged in advance to avoid disappointment.

Mr Owen Hughes

Deputy Head of Junior School

Year 6 Work with Australian Choral Composer – Paul Jarman

Last week in the Junior School, Year 6 students were fortunate enough to spend time working closely with the widely acclaimed Australian Choral Composer, Paul Jarman. As part of our 120th anniversary celebrations, Paul was invited to Barbreck to work on creating and composing a Junior School song.

Paul is a composer, multi-instrumentalist and choir master. He has written over 100 commissioned works for ensembles, festivals and events which have been performed around the world in venues such as the White House, the opening of the World Rugby Cup and at the London Olympics. Paul has been commissioned to write about some of the most inspiring people of our time including Jessica Watson, Helen Keller, Ernest Shackleton, Mary MacKillop and many others.

Last year at our Junior School Music concert, the entire Junior School sang a piece by Paul Jarman called *Follow Your Dreams*. This song celebrated the life and achievements of Jesse Martin, a young Australian from Melbourne who sailed unassisted around the world. The Barbreck students remembered this piece and were very excited to hear the news of Paul's visit.

Students in Year 6 spent several days working closely with Paul, reflecting, writing and discussing the things that make St Catherine's a special place to them.

The sessions were productive and creatively exciting as both students and composer strived to touch upon the things that make our School unique. Students wrote about friendships, trust and supporting those around you, having the courage to be yourself, being women of the future, positivity and so much more. It was interesting to note that the blue ribbon element of our School uniform, and all that it represents to a St Catherine's girl, featured strongly in the students' writing and discussions.

The girls were highly engaged in the experience and made a special connection with our resident composer. We cannot wait to share the end result with the wider School community. This collaborative piece will be premiered later in the year.

Mrs Melissa Dods

Junior School Music Coordinator



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1 Year 6 students with composer Paul Jarman during their Junior School song workshop

2 Daisy Turnbull and Adelaide Mitchell share ideas with the group

3 Lilli Holmes, Madeline Powell and Eliza White explain to Paul Jarman why their blue ribbons mean so much more to a St Catherine's girl than a simple hair accessory

4 Eloise Rudge thinks about what it is to be a St Catherine's girl

5 Lucy Bainbridge working on ideas for our Junior School song

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House Chess

On Tuesday 3 May, 16 Barbreck girls represented their Houses in the annual House Chess competition. Placings were:

First Holmes Kilbride
Second Beaulieu Blair and Davis
Third Langley Templeton

The standout player of the tournament was Paula Chen from Holmes Kilbride who produced a check mate in all of her matches, with some matches lasting less than four moves!

Primary Interschool Sport

On Wednesday 4 May, Year 6 students travelled to Shelford for their first experience of Primary Interschool sport. The girls had a choice of playing Soccer, Netball or Teeball. A great time was had by all and we look forward to Shelford visiting St Catherine's in a few weeks time.

House Netball

Well done to Davis House who took out the House Netball for 2016. Davis demonstrated how two well balanced teams can work together to achieve a great result despite being one of the smaller Houses in numbers. Results were Davis (first place), Holmes Kilbride (second place), Langley Templeton (third place) and Beaulieu Blair (fourth place).

It is now on to House Soccer, Athletics and House Gymnastics as we approach the end of the Term.

District Cross Country

Monday 23 May 2016
Kooyong Park

11.30am 10 years
12.00pm Nine years
12.30pm 11 years
1.00pm 12/13 years
1.30pm Presentation

A reminder that the Cross Country Team photo will be taken on Wednesday 25 May at 8.45am in the Junior School.

Snowsports 'Start of Season' Evening

The St Catherine's School Snowsports Auxiliary warmly invite you to celebrate the 'Start of the Season'

Wednesday 1 June 2016
7.00pm – 9.00pm
at the home of Rebecca and John Clark
79 Rose Street, Armadale

This is a free event however bookings are required for catering purposes, please [click here](#) to make your bookings.

We encourage all parents who have an interest in Snowsports to attend. The evening will be an informative and casual night providing a great start to the forthcoming season.

Cross Country Skiing

If you have skills in ski waxing and would like to help out with waxing our 105 pairs of skis then please contact Mr Tom Crebbin tcrebbin@stcatherines.net.au

We plan to wax on Wednesday 25 May at 3.00pm and Friday 27 May at 3.00pm at Barbreck. Any assistance would be appreciated along with waxing irons, brushing and waxing benches.

Mr Tom Crebbin
Junior School Head of Physical Education



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM INNOVATION AND DESIGN

Pottery, Parenting, Learning and Teaching

This week has been dominated by two events. One a national curriculum event, the NAPLAN, and the other, a global event, Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a day when all the mums can put up their feet, have breakfast in bed and be waited upon (in theory!). It is also the day of gifts. Alternatively, a NAPLAN day is one where your children cannot put their feet up, cannot have breakfast in bed and are not waited upon (even in theory!). Yet it is also a day full of gifts!

Let me explain.

The gifts your children give you on Mother's Day can be interesting – but they can also be thought provoking. One particular year I remember watching very young students making cups on a potter's wheel, their own strange creations that were to be given to mum on Mother's Day. I sat and watched, but in the end I could not resist any longer – suddenly I found myself at the potter's wheel!

It started off easy, but just ten minutes later, I looked like a victim of an industrial accident, covered from head to toe in wet clay, fingers hurting and bleeding and a crater whirling round where my cup should be. I am meant to be watching the expert but if I take my eyes off this spinning clay for an instant the whole thing is liable to fly off the wheel, and replaster the ceiling. Eventually though, something resembling a cup was made.

In a way, teaching is just pottery with students (and NAPLAN is part of the clay!). Learning theory purports that children are perfect raw materials and teaching and learning simply moulds them. It all starts off fairly smoothly, so the theory states, but the task gets trickier. Students grow and grow and soon good teachers are working flat out to keep up with them. Then some students start to lurch out of control and little eccentricities begin to appear. Rough edges form and each time you smooth out one lump, another appears. Points of instability develop, or patches where they are too strong. As a teacher, you want to stop and smooth each one out, but schools and curriculum do not slow down long enough and your child's learning continues to form.

Here is what I have learnt about pottery, parenting, learning and teaching:

- all are messy, awkward, and can leave you with mud on your face - but all are exceptional
- they are all unrelenting and totally absorbing
- it is impossible to make identical pieces
- success always lies in time spent forming a solid base
- strength or fragility are simply matters of perspective
- if you mess it up, you cannot really give the end result away to the relatives for Christmas!

So, a very happy belated Mother's Day and a very well done for NAPLAN.

Mr Adrian Puckering

Director of Curriculum Innovation and Development



PROJECT ROCKIT, POWER TO PERSIST AND ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING



Project Rockit

As part of St Catherine's weThrive:Wellbeing@StCatherine's program, in Year 7 the focus is weBelong. With this focus we aim to make the girls feel happy, content and connected, as well as making their peers feel the same way.

On Monday 2 May the Year 7 girls participated in a series of activities and listened to two presenters from Project Rockit, an outstanding external organisation that focuses on issues relevant to young adolescents.

The focus for the session was on bullying. The girls listened to scenarios and actively participated in some thought provoking activities that focused on different types of bullying behaviours.

The presenters urged the girls to consider how their actions can impact upon others. One of the messages that came from the session was to ask the question, "Am I part of the problem or part of the solution?"

Over the next few weeks we will embark upon a series of activities focusing on this message. We will also focus on the power of positive thinking and start a journal/diary which focuses on daily positive thoughts.

Ms Jenny Molloy

Year 7 Dean

Power to Persist

On Monday 2 May, the Year 9 cohort received an engaging presentation from Success Integrated. The presentation included an appearance from DJ Sam which grabbed the girls' attention as the presenter discussed their 'Power to Persist'.

They explained to the students the importance of 'grit' when faced with challenges in classes, with homework or while studying for examinations. Using interactive strategies the presenter clarified the importance of adopting a growth mindset toward their School work rather than a fixed mindset. He mentioned the road to success will include some failures, which will help them to learn and grow as well as build resilience.

The girls enjoyed the presentation and were able to walk away with some great tips on how to face their challenges, particularly with their first examinations commencing in a few weeks' time.

Ms Fiona Ganino-Day

Year 9 Dean

Rotary Public Speaking Competition

On the evening of Monday 9 May three St Catherine's School students participated in the Rotary Club of Richmond 'Ainger Public Speaking Award.' Now in its 27th year, the annual award promotes communication skills and helps develop the art of Public Speaking. It is based on the statement by Cicero "that often an argument of great merit is lost to an argument of lesser merit which is better presented."

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ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING, BOND UNIVERSITY MOOTING & SNOWSPORTS



Year 12 student Brooke Maat, and Year 11 students Mackenzie Leyden and Amber Chapman each presented a four minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice. Their chosen topics were 'Gender Equity in Sport', 'Education is Essential' and 'Sarcasm Makes You Smarter'. The girls were excellent ambassadors for St Catherine's and we congratulate them on their participation in this highly acclaimed competition amongst a field of 23 outstanding participants.

Ms Merran O'Connor

**Director of Student Wellbeing
English Teacher**

Bond University High School Mooting Competition

After several weeks of preparation, Eve Alexiadis (Senior Counsel), Sophie Sitch (Junior Counsel) and Georgina McNab (Solicitor) all participated in the Bond University High School Mooting Competition at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The girls were mentored with preparations for the moot, by Old Girl Gréتل Cannon ('12).

A moot is a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before one or more judges with the application of legal rules to factual situations. The competition is decided by assessing the advocacy skills of the participants rather than the merits of the case.

At the moot, St Catherine's students were required to present their prepared case materials while also thinking on their feet to answer the numerous questions given to them from the judges. These interruptions from the judges were well handled by the girls as they presented a strong case.

At the end of the session the judges commented positively on their ability to cope in this situation. They also felt the students presented with good pace and tone in their voices during argument. They were also impressed with their ability to cope with ongoing questioning, and felt the girls were well researched and prepared, showing very good knowledge of the case materials.

Mrs Pauline van der Poel

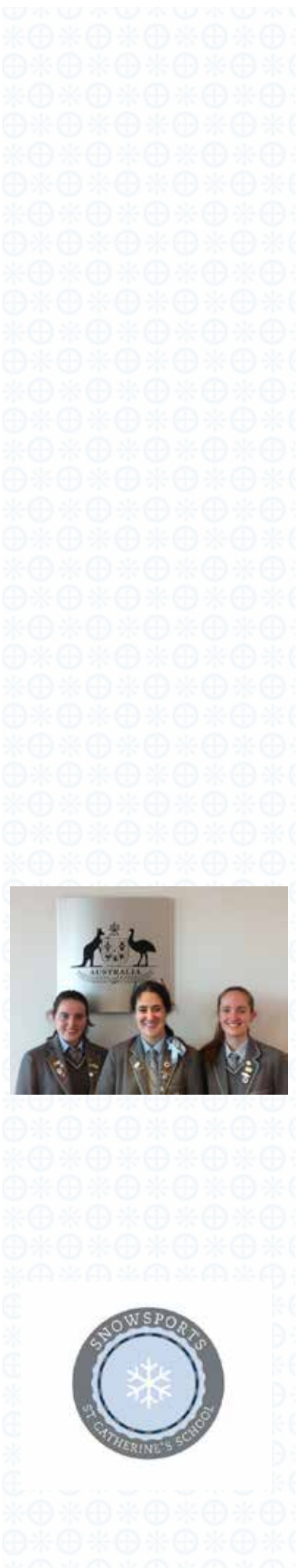
Careers Practitioner

St Catherine's Snowsports Special offer – 2016 School Season Membership

Mt Buller is offering a discount season membership lift pass for School students. The discounted membership is \$499 and is only available to St Catherine's students for a limited time. If you would like to take up this special offer please use [this link](#) to complete the application form and make full payment.

This offer is only available until Friday 20 May.

Snowsports Team Management



SENIOR SCHOOL MUSIC NOTES

Intermediate Jazz Band – Wednesday Lunchtimes

Whilst we have our flagship ensembles, we also pride ourselves on constantly looking at available personnel within the Music department and tailoring some of our offerings to particular interests of the cohort. Any students who show an interest in any form of music making (and there are many) can be directed to an existing, reworked or new ensemble.

With Senior wind, percussion, keyboard and guitar players involved in Soul Power, Stage Band has been 'revamped' and we are very pleased to announce that the Intermediate Jazz Band is up and running. This new ensemble, instigated by our Head of Bands and Deputy Head of Music Mr Tim Collins has seen four very well attended rehearsals this Term, with girls invited to attend.

Mr Collins writes:

Louis Armstrong said "If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know."

The members of our brand new Intermediate Jazz band don't have to ask. They play it!

One of the features of this African American art form, is improvisation. Rather than just 'playing anything' jazz improvisation is a language with its own syntax, grammar, inflection and style, requiring a fluent knowledge of keys, harmony and rhythm. It is one of the best ways to get inside music. Once I started learning jazz, I realised that I had been standing on the outside of music, looking in. The members of this band are already improvising like jazz legends.

Two of the best players in the business, Mr Leigh Olsson and Mr Dean Hilson are leading this group on their new journey. We are also lucky to have Senior students Ruby Smith, Ingrid Crossing, Alexandra Cullen and Sidonie Bird de la Coeur mentoring in this Band and passing on their passion for this music.

We look forward to hearing the Band's early ventures at the Bands Blast Concert on Wednesday 25 May. Other ensembles will be the Year 5 Band, Year 6 Band, Years 7 and 8 Concert Band and the Senior Concert Band.

Commencing a New Instrument

In another of our articles of interest ([link to full article here](#)) "Tony" writes:

If you are like me, you want your kid(s) to complete their K-12 education with far more than factual knowledge and an ability to score well on tests. You don't believe that your child's success in life depends primarily on cognitive skills — the type of intelligence that is measured on IQ tests and such. You don't believe that school should be primarily focused on stuffing kids' brains with as much factual knowledge as possible, but instead is focused on growing skills and mindsets that will last a lifetime. Psychological traits that include [but not limited to] patience to persist at a tough (and perhaps boring) task, the ability to delay gratification and the curiosity and grit to problem solve, just to name a few. And the musical instrument in your child's hand could be the key to learning those skills.

In the Music Department at St Catherine's School we offer any student the solo, ensemble and theoretical help they need, and motivate the girls in any way that we can. Whilst a few wonderful students are intrinsically motivated, most are not, and we do ask that parents take the learning of an instrument (including voice), or commitment to an ensemble, seriously. Your help, support, encouragement and nurturing are vital to your daughter's success in this endeavour.

We look forward to bringing you details next week of the Annual Sing-Off which will be held this evening at Genezzano FJC College. Many congratulations to our Music Captains, particularly in this case of Choral Captain Ruby Smith, for her outstanding organisation and teaching!

Mrs Jenny Mathers

Head of Music



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

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Senior Water Polo

In our second match this season, the St Catherine's Water Polo Team had an exciting win against Ruyton. In another close game we won nine to seven.

We had a slow start, trailing Ruyton five to one at the end of the first quarter. Although our attack had been good we were anything but tight in our defence. We were still behind six to three at half time. To the credit of our girls, in particular the Year 12 students, they kept persisting and expended great energy swimming up and down the pool. The last quarter was a goalfest for us as we finally managed to get the ball past Ruyton's talented goalkeeper. A special mention goes to India Watson who was strong in defence in her first match.

The players were

Year 12	Annie Anezakis	Georgie Gleeson	Ella Swann	Hannah Wentworth
Year 11	Sarah Fenton	Catherine Mytton	India Watson	
Year 10	Charlotte Fortey	Charlotte Sinclair		

Congratulations to Georgie Gleeson who has been elected to the position of Water Polo Captain. Next week we have a home match against Toorak College.

Ms Jeanette Gunn

Teacher in Charge of Water Polo

Athletics Victoria All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships

On Saturday 30 April the St Catherine's Cross Country Team headed to Jells Park to contest the Athletics Victoria All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships. This event draws school teams from all over the state, making for great racing conditions. St Catherine's contested all age groups, with 40 girls competing strongly and improving their individual times and team placings. Through teamwork St Catherine's finished fifth overall in the state, and were ranked second within the GSV School competition behind Ruyton. This puts us in good stead to challenge the GSV Cross Country Championships in coming weeks.

Juniors (Under 14 and 16)

Having trained extremely well over the first part of Term 2 our Junior Teams in the Under 14 and 16 age groups entered the competition with plenty of promise. Our U14 Navy Team of Francesca Demetriou, Ava Lansell, Alexandra Demetriou and Chloe Joubert showed confidence mixing it with the best schools in the states, finishing a close fourth. Our U14 Blue and Gold Teams displayed the strong sense of teamwork we have been working towards finishing 11th and 17th respectively, beating many schools' first teams in the process. Francesca Demetriou recorded the fastest U14 St Catherine's three kilometre time of the day finishing in 12.03, while Eliza Mailer showed huge improvement running a 13.18 around the course. In the Under 16s our Gold Team of Annelise Cody, Isabella Bufé, Isobel Tanner and Imogen Rice finished eighth overall, improving the Under 16 Team result of 12th in 2015. Our Blue and Navy Teams finished 21st and 24th respectively. Isabella Bufé ran the quickest U16 St Catherine's time, running 12.15, while Imogen Rice posted a strong 12.28 in her first race for St Catherine's.

Seniors (Under 18 and 20)

Our Senior Teams in the Under 18 and 20 competitions worked hard and gained valuable race experience that shall put them in good stead for the races to come. Our Under 18 Blue Team of Sarah Wilson, Juliet Grant, Eleanor Milleard and Isabelle Dann finished 12th in a strong Under 18s field. While our Gold and Navy Team showed the strong depth of runners we have finishing 17th and 22nd respectively. Isabelle Dann recorded the fastest U18 St Catherine's four kilometre time of the day finishing in 18.08, While Sarah Wilson showed huge improvement running a 18.32. Our Under 20 Team of Georgie Gleeson, Alexandra Stopp, Elsa Robertson and Ella Swann ran a fantastic team race nudging out their close rivals Melbourne Girls Grammar to finish seventh. A fantastic opening leg by Georgie Gleeson set the fastest St Catherine's time of the day, 17.45, while a strong finish by Cross Country Captain Ella Swann secured the team the little victory over MGGs.

It was fantastic to once again see St Catherine's take part in this event and I thank all the girls and their families for coming along and getting involved in the day. Thank you to our Cross Country coaches; Ms Susan Hobson, Mr Harry Roubin and Miss Tilly Schoeffel and also to those staff and Old Girls who assisted in the running of the event on the day.

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Our next competition is the Athletics Victoria Road Relay Championships taking place on Saturday 14 May at Albert Park and then on to the GSV Preliminary Carnival on Tuesday 17 May at Yarra Bend. As a Team we look forward to continuing to work together to challenge and improve our performances.

Mr Lloyd Knight

Head Coach of Athletics

Sport and Athlete Development Coordinator

Junior Netball

This week our Junior Netball players faced tough opposition at Duncan McKinnon. The girls impressively demonstrated the new skills they have learnt and further improved on their teamwork. The teams had success across the board:

A Team defeated Firbank 14–8

B Team defeated Lauriston 17–8

C Team defeated Korowa 13–11

D Team defeated Loreto 10–5

E Team defeated Lauriston 11–2

F Team defeated Lauriston 18–3

G Team defeated by Firbank 8–3

Mr Chris Jones

Director of Sport



RUTH LANGLEY LUNCHEON & SNOWSPORTS SWAP



Ruth Langley Luncheon

An invitation to the ladies who make up the community of current and past parents, Old Girls, staff and past staff of St Catherine's School

Each year the Ruth Langley Luncheon is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate. This year, we are celebrating not only 120 Years of St Catherine's School we want to celebrate the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and daughters that make up our current and past parents, past staff and Old Girls.

In previous years this event has been a signature fundraiser for the School. This year we want to make the focus on you. So, come along and enjoy a delicious lunch in the company of old friends, and maybe some new friends, and while it is often considered better to give sometimes it is nice to receive too! In that spirit we will have lots of lovely spot gifts and lucky prizes for our guests, details available [here](#).

The 2016 Ruth Langley Luncheon will be held on Friday 20 May 2016, at Leonda by the Yarra, commencing at 12.00pm.

The guest speaker this year is Ms Jenny Gray, CEO of Zoos Victoria. Ms Gray was recently announced in an incredible line up of speakers as part of the Outstanding Women Series hosted by the Australian Institute of Management. As Chief Executive Officer of Zoos Victoria, Ms Gray is currently in the process of radically transforming the strategic direction of Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo, committing to saving 20 of the most-threatened species in Victoria.

Tickets can be purchased online by [clicking here](#) and for those who left St Catherine's School in the years 2010–2015, there is a special discounted ticket price.

For enquiries about table bookings, please contact the PFA Treasurer, Mrs Rowena Mytton at mytton2006@hotmail.com

The Parents' & Friends' Association

Snowsports Swap

Please join the St Catherine's community at our eighth annual Snowsports Swap on Sunday 22 May. Offering the best new and second hand gear for sale to get ready for the winter Skiing season.

The Swap is growing and getting better each year. The idea of recycling second hand Ski equipment works well within the School community and also far and wide outside the School. It is a fantastic event and an enormous benefit for families with growing children who need to size up with skis, boots and clothing each season. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Mrs Jodie Cody and Mrs Sally Joubert
Snowsports Swap Coordinators



COMMUNITY NEWS

SNOWSPORTS EVENTS & CABRINI EMERGENCY DISCOUNT

Snowsports 'Start of Season' Evening

The St Catherine's School Snowsports Auxiliary warmly invite you to celebrate the 'Start of the Season'

Wednesday 1 June 2016

7.00pm – 9.00pm

at the home of Rebecca and John Clark

79 Rose Street, Armadale

This is a free event however bookings are required for catering purposes, please [click here](#) to make your bookings.

We encourage all parents who have an interest in Snowsports to attend. The evening will be an informative and casual night providing a great start to the forthcoming season.

Snowsports Exclusive Film Screening – *The Will to Fly*

The Snowsports Auxiliary presents an exclusive screening and Q&A with the Directors of *The Will to Fly* an inspiring story of the Australian Olympic Aerials Champion, Lydia Lassila.

The Will To Fly is the story of Olympic Champion Lydia Lassila, who as a young mum, against all the odds competing in one of the most dangerous sports in the world, dares to reach for an almost impossible dream and in doing so, helps pave the way for women in sport.

Saturday 4 June

2.30pm for 3.00pm screening

Village Cinemas Jam Factory, Chapel Street South Yarra

Tickets available [here](#)

Adults \$25 Students \$20

Snowsports Auxiliary

Cabrini Emergency Working with St Catherine's Families

We are happy to announce Cabrini Malvern's Emergency Department has offered pupils from our School a heavily discounted rate of \$205 (8.00am to 8.00pm) and \$240 (8.00pm to 8.00am weekdays and on weekends). We hope this discount of 50% will assist the families in our School community and enable them to receive the best possible treatment for their children.

To obtain this discount, your child or carer will simply need to show their current student card or supply School details when attending the Emergency Department. The discount of 50% applies to the attendance fee only and would not include any further out of pocket expenses such as X-rays and blood tests. Cabrini is a private, Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare service that does not rely on funding from government or the Catholic Church. Therefore, they must charge fees for emergency medical care. Unfortunately health insurers do not cover emergency attendances, so they rely on these fees to cover our costs. They understand that their fees of \$410 (8.00am to 8.00 pm) and \$480 (8.00pm to 8.00am weekdays and on weekends) to attend their Emergency Department can be prohibitive to some families.

Cabrini has extensive services in emergency and children's care. They have an emergency department (ED) open 24/7 staffed by senior emergency doctors trained in paediatric medicine. They have a dedicated paediatrics area within the ED and a children's ward in the unfortunate event that a child needs admission to hospital. A large group of local paediatricians are on-call every day of the year and they have access to a large network of paediatricians for appointments. Cabrini has dedicated, technologically advanced surgical theatres and paediatric surgeons on call should they be required. They pride themselves on their caring and sensitivity to our patients' needs, and work to make a visit to the ED as stress-free as possible for children and parents. If you have any further queries regarding this please feel free to contact me on 9828 3085.

Ms Anne Quirk

School Nurse



STAY CONNECTED WITH ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

'Whitelist' St Catherine's School

To ensure email communications the School sends reach your personal or work email account, it is highly recommended that you 'whitelist' the School email domain. In order to whitelist emails from the School, you can usually specify a domain that these emails come from, and mark them as a Safe Sender, or similar. In this case, the domain would be '@stcatherines.net.au'. Both email providers and programs use 'whitelist' principles, but may accomplish white-listing differently. If you work for a company who manage SPAM centrally please ask the relevant ICT Manager to whitelist the School domain. Here are instructions for a few popular email providers to help set this up for personal email accounts.

Outlook

1. Go to the Tools>Options menu
2. Select the Preferences tab, click Junk E-mail.
3. On the Safe Senders tab, click Add.
4. In the Add address, enter '@stcatherines.net.au'
5. Click OK.

Gmail

1. From the top of your Gmail page, click the link to 'Create a filter'
2. In the 'From' field, type '@stcatherines.net.au'
3. Click 'Next Step'
4. Check the box that says 'Never send it to Spam'.
5. Click 'Create Filter'

Hotmail

1. Go to your Inbox
2. Near the upper-right corner of the page, click Options -> More options
3. Under the Junk e-mail heading, click Safe and blocked senders
4. Click Safe senders
5. In the box marked "Sender or domain to mark safe" type '@stcatherines.net.au' and click Add to list

Yahoo!

1. Open your mailbox and click on Mail Options (upper right hand corner).
2. Select Filters (bottom left corner).
3. Click the Add link on the Filters page.
4. Add a name for your filter (St Catherine's School)
5. Select 'contains' in the From Header dropdown. Add '@stcatherines.net.au' to the adjacent text field.
6. Next to 'Move the message to', select 'Inbox' under the pull-down menu.
7. Click the 'Add Filter' button.

Mr John Toulantas

ICT Manager

