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### *Term 3–Issue 5– 21st August 2023*

## **From The Principals**

Term 3 has proven to be yet another busy and productive term.

As in previous years, we began the term with the celebration of our Patron St Charbel. A whole school Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay, set the spiritual tone for the day. Special thanks to all who were involved in the Patron's Day celebrations. It was an enjoyable day where our P & F Committee kindly organised a whole school sausage sizzle. With faith, games, music and food – a great day for all!

Our College NAPLAN results made us very proud of the progress our students have made thus far. We celebrate our achievements in the area of Writing. Every child is encouraged to work to the best of their ability. Our teachers are determined to work with our students towards even stronger results next year.

On a continuous journey to refining our approach to Pastoral Care at the College earlier this term, our staff gathered for a Twilight meeting. During this meeting, our staff discussed various aspects of Pastoral Care, such as strategies to better support students' emotional, social, and academic well-being. This involved sharing ideas, experiences, and best practice among staff members to collectively enhance the quality of support provided to our students.

Last week we welcomed back all our World Youth Day pilgrims. From all accounts, the feedback regarding our students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive, especially their behaviour and participation in the devotions and activities.

We are proud of the way they represented our College in an international event of great significance. A big thank you to Fr Youhanna Elbetty, Josephine Ayoub and Nadene Elbeyrouthy for their vigilance and care for our students. We give thanks to Our Lord for their safe return and look forward to our pilgrims sharing their journey with us.

Our Year 12 students are just coming off their Trial HSC exams – significant preparation for their HSC exams in October. Our students have a wealth of support in staff providing additional lessons and feedback on work submitted. We ask that we, as a College and community, keep them all in our prayers to be guided by the Holy Spirit and remain calm during this stressful time and try their personal best.

On Tuesday the 15th of August the Church celebrated the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady; according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". For this feast, we are all invited to contemplate the boundless grace and mercy of God, which allowed the Holy Mother to be united with her Creator in the fullness of glory.

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and we as a College have been consecrated to Her Immaculate heart. We ask for Virgin Mary to continue to intercede for us so that we may walk in faith and hope and demonstrate her maternal love for her Son. May each and every one of us continue to be led and guided by our dear Mother. May the Blessed Virgin Mary protect and bless each and every one of you and your families in this blessed Month.

Fr Michael Sandrussi & Fr Anthony El-Kazzi

## Co-Principals



## World Youth Day 2023

### Mary arose and went with haste.

Back in 1986, Saint John Paul II established the first World Youth Day. This was to provide an opportunity for youth from all over the world to gather and celebrate their Catholic faith. Fast forward to 2023, we as a college had the opportunity to partake in this. Eight students from year 10; Aleicha Moussa, Sarah Mokbel, Charlize Mezher, Marissa Mardini, Grace Boutros, Joyce Boutros, Stephanie Zouein and Christina Haddad, alongside Mrs Nadene El Beyrouthy, Miss Josephine Ayoub and our Chaplin Rev. Father Youhanna El Betty, arose and went with haste to Italy and Portugal. Over this three-week pilgrimage, we learnt about the history of the Catholic Church, visited numerous Basilicas, churches and even were able to see the bodies of Incorruptible Saints. Amidst all the challenges that the students faced from dealing with the heat wave, waiting hours in the sun in cues to getting sick, each student showed such love, care, humility and perseverance, truly representing our College, community and Parish through the Christ-like virtues. It was an honour to have witnessed the growth in these students and their deeper love for our Faith.

### Highlights of Italy:

St Charbel's Church, Basilica of St Paul outside the walls, the Colosseum, Trevi fountain, St Peter's Basilica, Sistine chapel, Holy stairs, Basilica and Monastery of St Rita, Basilica of St Francis, Basilica of St Claire, The Eucharistic Miracle of the incorrupt hosts, Florence, Basilica of St Dominic, Basilica and tomb of St Anthony, St Marks Basilica and square, the Relics of St Luke the Evangelist, Venice, and how can we forget the daily Pizza, Pasta and Gelato.



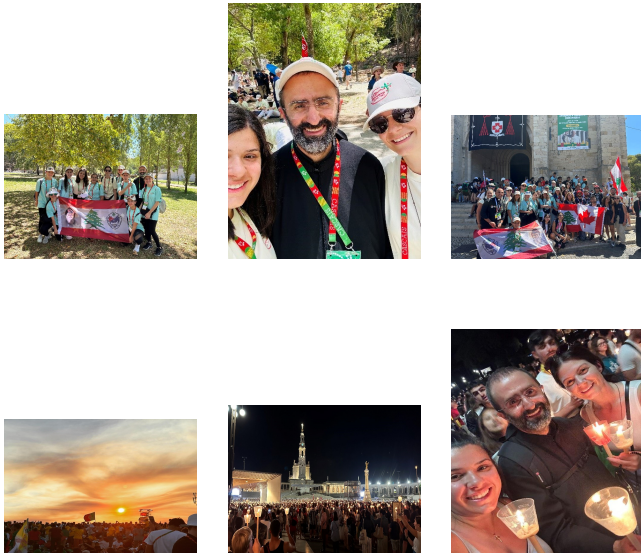
### Highlights of Portugal:

The welcoming of Pope Francis, The opening mass, Adoration with Pope Francis, the Sleep-out, the Closing Mass with Pope Francis, Our Lady of Fatima, the Candlelight Rosary and Procession.

Throughout this week, we had an incredible time in Portugal meeting thousands of people who were all interested in our beloved Lebanese/Australian flag. People were intrigued by who Saint Charbel was and where he came from. It was an honour to represent the Maronite community in Lisbon. We had the chance to meet other Lebanese pilgrims from various countries who even joined us in the dabkeh. During the sleep-out, 2 million people were gathered for adoration and we must say it was an experience like no other, the silence and reverence was breathtaking. The following morning, watching the sunrise and experiencing mass with Pope Francis was truly unforgettable and it is a memory that will last forever. At the end of World Youth Day week, we had the opportunity to retreat in Our Lady of Fatima taking part in the Candlelight Rosary and Procession which touched all of our hearts.

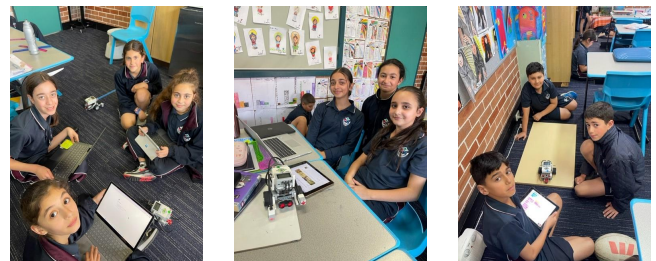


it takes to be an author... Who knows, perhaps one of our Stage 3 students may become a famous author someday!



## From 5H

5H and Mr Love have been busy in IT coding different animal adaptations using Lego EV3 robots. An enjoyable and challenging experience by all. Mr Love.



## STAGE 3 NEWS

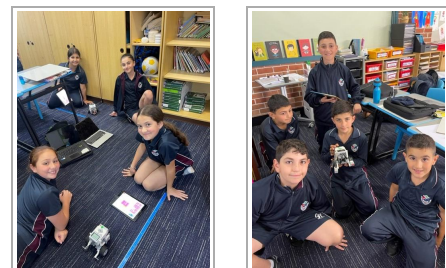
Thank you to you all for welcoming me and supporting me in my new role as Stage 3 Coordinator. The Year 5 and Year 6 students have also welcomed me and I've been both thrilled and impressed by their respectful and responsible behaviour. For the most part they have shown the school community that they are the role models for our younger students, and for this we are proud of them.

Special thanks to our SRC students who continue to give up time to help our canteen run smoothly.

On Monday, Stage 3 students met Tristan Bancks , the renowned author of novels like *Two Wolves*, *The Fall* and *Scar Town*.

His presentation was entertaining, inspirational and filled with lots of writing tips.

Our students got a first hand insight into what



## Year 11 History Debating Winners!

The Year 11 History debating team were successful in winning two of their three debates in the first three rounds of the NSW History Debating competition and now progress to the Quarter Finals. Our speakers made convincing arguments with

good use of evidence and examples combined with effective rebuttals to defeat both SCEGGS Darlinghurst and Emanuel School. The second-round debate against the highly fancied SCEGGS team was very close where St Charbels argued against the statement 'That Russia was the most significant power in WW2'. We were successful in arguing that the USA was a more significant power in WW2 with the students showing excellent research skills to prove their arguments to the adjudicator.

Well done to all students involved:

Youssef Tawk  
Joshua Saade  
Joseph Achmar  
Richard Nasr  
Daniel Hassarati  
Mariane Daoud  
Charbel Dagher  
Christelle Rahal



## **BANKSTOWN TALENT DEVELOPMENT (TAP) STUDENTS**

Date: August 4, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to shine the spotlight on two exceptional vocal students from the College, who are in the Bankstown Talent Advancement Program (TAP), Sasha Najem in year 7 and Rebecca Nohra in Year 12. These students have been making waves with their remarkable talent and dedication. The girls have had the incredible opportunity to participate in exclusive workshops and a recent mentor day with none other than Phil Burton, a professional singer from the Australian acapella group Human Nature. The Bankstown TAP has always been committed to nurturing young talents and providing students with exceptional opportunities to grow and excel in their respective fields. Over the years, the College has had several students participate in the program and the students have been fortunate to collaborate with renowned artists, such as: Casey Donovan; Paulini; Michael & Andrew Tierney, also from Human Nature and Todd McKenney, a legend

from Australian Showbiz.

Rebecca Nohra and Sasha Najem have impressed everyone with their incredible vocal talents and emotive performances. These girls have been actively involved in various community and college events, showing their vocal prowess and their heart-warming ability to connect with the audience.

Rebecca has a unique and mesmerizing voice that has left both peers and mentors in awe. She brings an exceptional level of maturity and artistry to her performances, reflecting the dedication and passion she has for music.

We are pleased to inform you that as a culmination of their hard work and dedication, the Bankstown TAP will be hosting its annual concert on Friday, 8th September at 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Bryan Brown Theatre Bankstown, where our talented vocal students will grace the stage and showcase their extraordinary talents. The College would like to also acknowledge the wonderful work of the girls singing coach, Mrs Jennifer Wentzel, who is very supportive, caring, creative and gifted singing teacher.

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents, friends and community members to witness the growth and development of these talented students. We encourage you to show your support by attending this memorable evening. Tickets for the concert can be purchased through the Canterbury Bankstown Council website TAP page.

Please mark your calendars for this unmissable event and join us in celebrating the remarkable achievements of our talented vocal students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Therese Jackson  
Music Teacher







## From The Library

### Tristan Bancks Year 5 & 6 Author visit



Year 5 & 6 had the wonderful opportunity to have an author visit with Australian children's and teen's author, Tristan Bancks. Tristan's books have won and been shortlisted for many awards, including a Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book, the Prime Minister's Literary Awards, and the YABBA children's choice book awards. With a background in filmmaking and acting, Tristan Bancks tells stories for the page and screen.

His new book released in August 2023 is a suspense-thriller, **Scar Town**, for age 10+. His other books for kids and teens include **Two Wolves**, **The Fall**, **Detention**, **Cop & Robber**, **Ginger Meggs** and the **Tom Weekly** series. These books are available for borrowing. There has been a buzz in the library as students are busy reading Tristan's books. His stories have captured their imaginations and his writing tips have inspired students.

Mrs Galimi  
Teacher Librarian



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Primary students will be celebrating book week on Thursday 24th August 2023. To celebrate the book week theme **READ GROW INSPIRE**, students are invited to come to school on this day dressed up as their favourite book character or in the colour green for grow (See photos below for examples). Please ensure suitable footwear such as sports shoes/closed shoes are worn.

Students will participate in a book week parade at 2:15pm in the Primary playground. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the parade. Students will spend the day participating in lots of fun book week activities. Students will be dismissed at 2:50pm with high school students. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Janet Galimi & Mrs Karen Jubb  
Teacher Librarians



## From The Careers Department

### Career's News

Welcome back to a new school term. Please navigate through the College's Careers/VET weblink to explore Career options with your children. Please feel free to contact me via the school office or email if there are any Careers related issues you would like to discuss.

### Careers in the Spotlight

#### How to become a Pathology Collector

Pathology Collectors (also known Phlebotomists, who generally only collect blood samples) collect samples of fluids and tissues from patients that could help diagnose illnesses and other issues. They're also responsible for storing and preparing the samples for transport to pathology labs for processing and analysis.

If you're good at multi-tasking, have great people skills, are highly organised and great at following rules, becoming a Pathology Collector could be a career to explore.

#### About you:

- Sympathetic, calm and a great communicator
- Pays attention to details, follows instructions and procedures to the letter
- Steady hands with good practical skills

#### The job:

- Check personal details, explain procedures to and help reassure patients
- Obtain required samples using strict procedures to prevent contamination
- Keep the working environment clean, hygienic and prevent cross-contamination
- Store and label samples correctly, then deliver them to the lab within strict time frames
- Keep accurate and updated patient, test, and equipment records

#### How to become a Pathology Collector in Australia

The minimum qualifications you'll need to become a Pathology Collector in Australia are a Certificate III in Pathology Collection (from an approved educational institution) and a current first aid certificate.

Step 1 – Study Maths, English and Biology at high school.

Step 2 – Complete the required qualification:

- [Certificate III in Pathology Collection](#)
- [Diploma of Laboratory Technology](#)

Step 3 – If you don't already have one, you'll need a full [driver's license](#).

Step 4 – Become first aid certified.

Step 5 – Obtain relevant work experience, or complete the required number of hours supervised work placement as part of your training.

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### What do Pathology Collectors do?

Pathology Collectors collect blood and other specimens from patients for analysis, label the samples accurately, store them to preserve them and avoid contamination, then transport them to pathology labs for analysis. They may also work preparing and processing pathology samples for testing in a laboratory.

#### Do I need qualifications to become a Pathology Collector?

Yes, you'll need a minimum of a Certificate III in Pathology Collection, plus a valid driver's license and a current first aid certificate.

#### Where do Pathology Collectors work?

Pathology Collectors work in private and public hospitals or in collection centres, which may be in privately owned, diagnostic pathology laboratories, doctors' surgeries, insurance offices, or fertility clinics.

Mrs Dianna Chedid  
Careers Coordinator

### Upcoming Events

#### **Monday 7 August**

- First day Year 12 HSC Trials.

#### **Fridy 11 August**

- Year 11 First aid course

#### **Monday 14 August**



- Year 12 Catholic Studies talk with Fr Michael Sandrussi

### **Monday 15 August**

- Feast of The Assumption

### **Tuesday 22 August**

- Last Day of Year 12 Trails
- Year 11 B Street Smart Excursion
- High School Athletics Carnival

### **Wednesday 23 August**

- Year 9-12 White card course

### **Monday 28 August**

- Year 7- Tatankhamun Roadshow

### **Tuesday 29 August**

- Kindergarten- Golden Ridges Excursion

### **Wednesday 30 August**

- Blessed Estephan Feast Day

### **Friday 1 September**

- Father's Day Breakfast and Mass

### **Monday 4 September**

- Primary Dental Checks K-6

### **Tuesday 5 September**

- Primary Dental Checks K-6

### **Wednesday 6 September**

- Primary Dental Checks K-6
- Year 9 Market Day
- Year 1 excursion to Symbio Wild Life park

### **Thursday 7 September**

- Primary Dental Checks K-6

- Fathers Talk

### **Friday 8 September**

- Primary Dental Checks K-6

Year 10 Spirituality day

### **Monday 11 September**

- Start of Year 11 Exams

### **Wednesday 13 September**

- Year 3 excursion to Symbio Wild life Park

### **Tuesday 19 September**

- Year 7 Vaccination second dose
- Year 12 Graduation

### **Wednesday 20 September**

- Year 9, 10 and 11 excursion: Wicked The Musical

### **Friday 22 September**

- Last day Year 11 Exams
- Last Day of Term 3