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From The Principals

“A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (Is 40.3).

The prophecy from Isaiah was once repeated by Saint John the Baptist, calling us to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. As we concluded the liturgical year with the Season of the Holy Cross, we began the new liturgical year with the Consecration and Renewal of the Church, leading into the Season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord. Every year, we ask God to consecrate us, to sanctify us, to make us his own. In Exodus God says to the people of Israel: “I will take you as My own people, and I will be your God” (Ex 6:7). In our consecration and renewal as God’s People, as the Church, we maintain and continue to dedicate and consecrate ourselves, devoting ourselves to God and to His Plan of Salvation. As such, we enter into the Plan of Salvation as revealed in Jesus Christ, and as we enter the liturgical season, we live the events with and through Christ, growing closer and closer to him with each passing step and each passing year.

This term has been busy to say the least. For the Secondary, we are coming to the end of the HSC examinations. This period is always one filled with anxiety and stress for teachers and parents, but most of all students. It is also a time of promise and hope. Our continual prayer for our Year 12 students has been and continues to be that they perform to the best of their ability and their transition into the next phase of their lives is filled with joy and wonder.

We also hold up in prayer

our 7-10 Secondary students as they commence their Semester Two examinations next week. We encourage our parents to continue to support their children to maintain consistent study habits, get adequate rest and have a balanced diet in preparation for their exams, - we wish them every success.

Our current Year 12 cohort for 2024 recently returned from their Year 12 camp which took place at the Collaroy Retreat Centre. The feedback has been excellent from both teachers and students, and we are pleased that they enjoyed their time and were able to reflect on the seriousness of the upcoming year.

We wish our Year 10 cohort all the best for their upcoming work experience tint beginning in Week 6. This is a time for them to get a taste of the real world. We hope that this week gives them an insight into the responsibility of the workplace.

In Primary, it's that time of year when our Year 6 students eagerly anticipate one of the most exciting events of their primary school journey, the Year 6 Camp. Scheduled from November 6th to 8th in Vision Valley, this camp promises to be a memorable adventure filled with opportunities for bonding, learning, and, of course, having a whole lot of fun. This three-day camp is not just a break from the classroom; it's an immersive learning experience that fosters personal growth, teamwork, and self-reliance.

From November 6th to 17th, our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have a unique opportunity to take the plunge into the world of swimming. Swimming is an essential life skill, and we are committed to ensuring that all our students have the chance to enhance their swimming

abilities during this two-week period. These lessons are more than just a dip in the pool; they are an investment in your child's safety and well-being. The ability to swim not only provides a sense of confidence and accomplishment but also equips students with valuable skills that could potentially save lives. The experienced instructors will provide guidance to students of all skill levels, from those who are just beginning to those who are looking to refine their strokes.

On November 23rd, we invite all our St. Charbel's College Primary School community members to come together and celebrate our students' swimming talents and sportsmanship at our Primary Swimming Carnival. This annual event is a true highlight of our school calendar. The Primary Swimming Carnival is not just about competition; it's about teamwork, encouragement, and showcasing the progress our students have made during their swimming lessons. It's a day of spirited races, cheering from the sidelines, and a sense of camaraderie that extends beyond the pool.

In conclusion, the upcoming events in Term 4 which are marked on the Sentral calendar, are designed to enrich our students' lives, build friendships, and enhance their skills. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to the active participation and support of our school community. Let's make this term a memorable and successful one for our students. Thank you for being a part of the St. Charbel's College family, and we can't wait to see what our students will achieve in the weeks to come.

May the Lord continue to bless us all as we walk towards the end of this academic year.

Fr Michael Sandrussi & Fr Anthony El-Kazzi
Co-Principals



Primary Swimming Program

All K-6 students are about to participate in our annual swimming program for 2023. This is a very exciting and busy time for the students and it is important to make sure that everyone is prepared and organised each day of the program. Below is a variety of information for families to make sure that each student is ready and can achieve the most out of an enjoyable week.

The program is being held at Hurstville Aquatic Centre on the following dates:

K - 2: Week 5 - Monday 6th - Friday 10th November

3 - 6: Week 6 - Monday 13th - Friday 17th November

The students will need to wear their sports uniform to school each day (Except for Kindergarten who will come dressed and ready for the pool). They will need to make sure they have all the necessary equipment needed to participate in the pool and then get changed into when we arrive back at school. There is a detailed Swimming Protocols table in this newsletter with all the necessary requirements.

Below is a link to complete the swimming survey from the swim school to help grade the students. If you have not completed this survey you please do so ASAP.







[2023 Swimming Survey](#)


Students will not be permitted to buy things from the canteen at the pool during lesson times and for safety reasons will not be permitted to go and shower in the change rooms at the conclusion of the lesson. Finally just a reminder that parents are not permitted to attend the lessons and come into the pool to watch their child. We ask this as we want the children to focus on their instructor, listen to their teacher and remain focussed on getting as much as they can out of the lesson each day.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through the office.

Matthew Ryan
Primary School Sports Coordinator

SWIMMING PROTOCOLS LISTED BELOW

SWIMMING PROTOCOLS 2023			
Swimming Costumes Appropriate swimming attire must be worn by the students. Lycral/Nylon material not clothing. One piece swimming costumes are to be worn by the girls. NO BIKINIS		Swimming Travel Students will wear their costumes to school under their sports uniform. When travelling to the pool they will need to make sure they have something to cover them for the trip on the bus. This can be a hooded towel, oversized shirt or a dress for the girls.	
Sunscreen Students will need to make sure they have adequate sun protection. I advise parents to ensure they protect their child before leaving home in the morning and can reapply at school before leaving for their lesson.		Changing Students will change in two separate locations for both boys and girls. A teacher will be available to assist with any issues.	
Respect and Privacy The students will be given regular instruction about respect and privacy while changing for these lessons. Personal space must be respected by others and no one should look towards anyone else while they are getting changed. This will be discussed with the students prior to the lessons beginning.		Expectations Guidance will be given to the students prior to this program about the expectations of each student. These expectations will include conduct at the pool and on the bus trip there and back. This will also include the changing of students before and after their lessons. Please note that negative behaviour towards these expectations could compromise their chances of participating in these lessons.	

**St Charbel's College
 Creative Arts
 & TAS Exhibition
 2023**
Monday Dec 4
**Multipurpose hall from
 4:30**
 Be amazed by the spectacular
 creations from Visual Art,
 Technology, Textiles and Design,
 Food Technology, Design &
 Technology, Drama, Music
 Art brings Words to life



Celebrating Academic Brilliance: ICAS Success at St Charbel's College!

It is with immense pleasure and pride that we extend our warmest congratulations to all our students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year.

We are thrilled to announce that several of our students have not only participated but have also excelled in their respective categories, bringing home well-deserved awards. Your achievements have added a new chapter to the success story of our school, and we couldn't be prouder.

In the spotlight of our celebrations is Michael Hwaylo from Year 10, who has achieved a remarkable feat by receiving an ICAS medal for Writing. Michael's dedication to the craft, creativity, and mastery of language are truly commendable. His accomplishment is not only a personal triumph but also a source of inspiration for all students.

Christiane Serrano
 Head of Enrichment K-10

World Teacher's Day and Blackout Poetry

Dear Community,

Year 7 recently celebrated World Teachers' Day with an exciting and unconventional event: a Blackout Poetry Workshop. This session was all about showing love and appreciation for our teachers while learning another strategy to assist with managing stress.

World Teachers' Day is all about giving a big shout-out to our amazing educators. It's the day when we say "Thank you" for their hard work, dedication, and the incredible impact they have on our lives. To mark this day, we decided to mix things up and create something unique – blackout poetry!

For those unfamiliar with blackout poetry, it's a fantastic way to turn an ordinary text, like a newspaper article or a page from a book, into something extraordinary. You simply select specific words to create a new poem, using your imagination and creativity to make it your own.

Our session started with a brief intro to blackout poetry, led by Ms. Mucea. Armed with a copy of a newspaper article, colorful markers, and the freedom to let their creativity run wild, students began crafting their own blackout poems.

The Blackout Poetry Workshop turned out to be an inspiring and emotionally charged way to celebrate World Teachers' Day. It encouraged our students to unleash their creative side, deepen

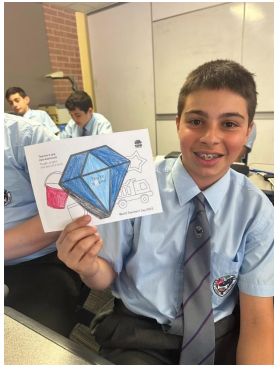
their appreciation for educators, and cultivate a sense of gratitude.

A big shout-out to all our enthusiastic participants and, of course, our amazing teachers who keep igniting the sparks of curiosity in our students. Let's remember to celebrate our incredible teachers not just on World Teachers' Day but every day.

Wishing you all an inspiring and creative journey ahead!

God bless,

Mr Simon Rassy,
Year 7 Coordinator.



Wicked The Muscial

On Wednesday 25th of October, our very own year 10 drama class and year 9 and 11 music classes were privileged to experience the well-renowned "Wicked" musical.. The live orchestra allowed the music students to experience a world beyond their own, allowing the musical dreams to come true. Many of our students said that goosebumps overcame them from the first song. As for the drama students, they learnt what goes behind the scenes of theatre and the magic beyond the curtain. The production effortlessly weaved from scene to scene, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats at every second. Within each passing minute, colourful lights flooded the room and laughter bounced off the walls.

On behalf of all the students that were able to experience this unforgettable production, a big thank you goes out to Mr Valenti, Mrs Younis and Mrs Gee for a day full of smiles and cheerful memories. This day will forever be embedded in our hearts and is something we will carry with us into the future.

- Joyce Boutros



Year 9 Mock Trial

The mock trial that we conducted today in class was an amazing experience. We built up on knowledge from "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee then put our work into action through a mock trial. It was competitive, fun and overall a great learning experience. Everyone was involved and we had a great time! I'm sure we would all love to do this again.

- Madeleine Mokbel

Today's Mock trial in 9E English was really interesting. As a class, we learnt a lot and though this was our first time running a mock trial, It was a very interesting and an exciting experience for all members of the court including Lawyers, Judges, Members of the Jury and our Witnesses. We learnt through forming the arguments and were excited to welcome members of the audience from year 8 and year 9 who created the courtroom environment and made it a more surreal experience. Thanks to Ms Gee and Miss Osman who made this happen!

- Alana Mokbel 9E English



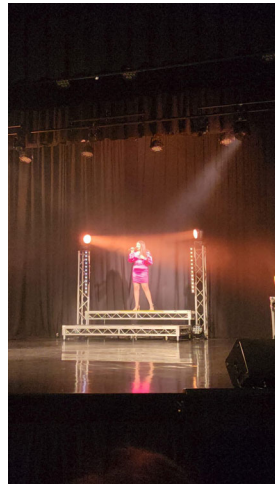
Canterbury Bankstown Youth Awards 2023

Sasha Najem, a remarkable Year 7 student, emerged as a shining star in the Creative and Performing Arts category of the prestigious Canterbury Bankstown Youth Awards. Nominated as a

finalist, Sasha's journey was nothing short of awe-inspiring. Out of a pool of 50 talented students, she proved to be an exceptional force to be reckoned with.

Sasha's win was a testament to her unwavering dedication, unparalleled talent, and extraordinary maturity. Beyond her melodious voice, she exemplified the qualities of a true leader, even at such a young age. Her ability to inspire and guide her peers set her apart, making her not just an outstanding singer but a true role model.

This achievement is only the beginning of what promises to be a remarkable journey for Sasha Najem, who has already left an indelible mark at St Charbel's College. Her talent, charisma, and leadership qualities ensure that the spotlight will continue to shine brightly on this extraordinary Year 7 student.



From The Careers Department

Welcome to the final term for 2023. Thank you to the parents that attended the TAFE Careers Day on Wednesday 18th of September. This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about post school options offered by TAFE NSW. Students really enjoyed this experience.

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 an Aged Care Worker

Aged Care workers allow elderly people to live in happiness, comfort, and with dignity, by helping them to carry out activities and personal tasks they'd be unable to do (or struggle with) by themselves.

If you have tons of compassion and patience, and you're looking for a career that will be active and rewarding, working as an Aged Care Worker could be ideal for you.

If you have these skills, you could make a great Aged Care Worker

- Positive, respectful and empathetic at all times
- Have the patience to communicate effectively with your clients, listen to them talk, and be able to read between the lines
- A great multitasker who can switch between jobs and prioritise effortlessly
- Can think on your feet, reacting appropriately and professionally in any situation
- You'll need a high level of stamina, both physically and emotionally, to support, empower, and advocate for your clients

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Carry out a variety of domestic duties and help your clients with mobility and personal hygiene
- Provide companionship and support (both physical and emotional)
- Arrange social activities for your clients, help them to take part, get them there and back safely
- Run errands and engage with family members, ensuring clients are safe and well in all aspects of their lives
- Update records and reports in an accurate and timely manner
- Involve other professionals if you're concerned about a client's health and wellbeing

Where do Aged Care Workers work?

Aged Care Workers can work out in the community, in day facilities, in private clinics, or even visiting clients' homes. They can also work in residential facilities, doctor's offices, and some hospital departments.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect as an Aged Care Worker?

While this isn't a job where you can work from home, there are lots of part-time and flexible working opportunities.

Most Aged Care Workers can expect to earn an

average salary throughout their career.

Due to our ageing population, there is already a huge demand for Aged Care Workers, and it's predicted to keep on rising.

How to become an Aged Care Worker

Most employers prefer that you have a relevant qualification and the necessary checks to enter a career in Aged Care.

Step 1 – Successfully complete high school, focusing on basic English and Maths.

Step 2 – Get some work experience in the field to see if it's a career you'd really love to do. Experience will also look great on your resume when you're applying for jobs. You could also volunteer at aged care facilities or within your community.

Step 3 – Find a course that will provide you with the necessary qualifications and skills for a career in Aged Care. In some cases you may be able to undertake a traineeship, combining study with practical work experience.

Step 4 – You may have to complete practical training as an element of your qualification.

Step 5 – Undergoing a background or police check may be a requirement before you can start working. Other essential qualifications and licences may include things such as first aid or a driver's license.

Find out more here:

- [Aged & Community Care Providers Association \(Aus\)](#)
- [New Zealand Nurses Organisation](#)
- [National Association of Care and Support Workers \(UK\)](#)
- [PHI \(US\)](#)

Hope Career Searching.

Mrs Dianna Chedid
Careers Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Monday 6 November

- Year 7-10 Exams begin

- K-2 Swimming program begins

- Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 7 November

- Year 7-10 Exams

- K-2 Swimming program

-Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 8 November

- Year 7-10 Exams

- K-2 Swimming Program

- Year 6 Camp

- Kindergarten 2024 parent information meeting

Thursday 9 November

- Year 7-10 Exams continue

- K-2 Swimming Program

- Kindergarten 2024 Orientation Day

Friday 10 November

- Last day Year 7-10 Exams

- Last day K-2 Swimming program

Monday 13 November

- Year 10 work experience Begins

- 3-6 Swimming program begins

Tuesday 14 November

- Year 10 work experience

- 3-6 Swimming Program

Wednesday 15 November

- Year 10 work experience

- 3-6 Swimming Program

Thursday 16 November

- Year 10 work experience
- 3-6 Swimming program

Friday 17 November

- Last day year 10 work experience
- Last day 3-6 Swimming Program

Tuesday 21 November

- Year 7 2024 Orientation day
- Year 7 2024 parent information evening

Wednesday 22 November

- Leabanses Independence Day

Thursday 23 November

- Year 12 Formal
- Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Friday 24 November

- Year 9 School Spectacular Matinee Excursion

Tuesday 28 November

- Whole school mass

Friday 1 December

- St Nahmetallah Feast Day Celebration
- Year 6 Graduation

Monday 4 December

- Year 7-12 Academic Awards Night

Tuesday 5 December

- Last day term 4
- Year 7-11 Fun Day out