

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

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"Pray with faith, counsel your children... with love, in a gentle way." - Saint Iakovos Tsalikis of Evia

GOANNSE 2024 - St Spyridon Sydney

Last week, 38 students and five staff members embarked on a journey to St Spyridon in Sydney to partake in the renowned Greek Orthodox Diocese of Australia National Sporting Event (GOANNSE). Together, they formed 9 teams across 6 distinct sports.

The sporting week began with a blessing and opening ceremony, honoured by the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios held at the St Spyridon Chapel, where all participating schools gathered to join in prayer and prepare for the week ahead. We were fortunate to have Vasiliki Diakoumakis, an alumni from last year, generously volunteer her time to coach volleyball and assist with netball and basketball. Additionally, other alumni students - Harry Saleh, Nicholas Ioannou, and Natalee Chhiev, joined forces to support our endeavors here at school, contributing their time and efforts to make our achievements possible.

A big congratulations to all our students on their efforts, sportsmanship and perseverance shown throughout the competition.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all the dedicated staff members who attended Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Raspa, Mr. Chrisoulis, and Mrs. Giannos. I also appreciate the invaluable contributions of those who, though not present in person, played a crucial role in the lead-up preparations, including Nurse Reynolds and Miss Dani in Reception, as well as Mrs. Georgoulos in accounts.

Congratulations to the following students who received best and fairest awards:

Girls' Volleyball - Aliki B
Boys' Volleyball - Alecos T
Girls' Futsal - Angelique F
Boys' Futsal - Pantalis S
Girls' Netball - Helen S
Girls' Basketball - Annabelle F
Boys' Basketball - Ryan O
Boys' Table tennis - Aathan K
Girls' Table Tennis - Paige A

Our students in the band and those who performed as part of the Performing Arts Event were terrific. The night was a highlight of the week.

Ms Thrift - (GOANNSE Co-ordinator)



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Mother's Day



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our Mothers, and special people, who joined us for our College Mother's Day event and afternoon tea. It was truly heartwarming to have you all here, sharing in this special occasion with us. We cannot thank you enough for being such an integral part of our students' lives. Your love, support, and guidance are invaluable, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do. Here's to celebrating the wonderful mums and special individuals in our students' lives!



Debating

Interschool debating, organised by the Debaters Association Victorian, started on the 28th February and will conclude on 30th July, 2024. Our school is participating in two categories, Group C (Year 10) and Group D (Year 9). Each team is made up of 4-7 students. We have completed three rounds so far and the upcoming debates are on the following dates:

Round 4: Wednesday, June 19th 2024

Round 5: Wednesday, July 30th 2024

We are very grateful to the parents of these students for dropping-off and picking-up their child from the debating venue.

Mr. Prasad



Congratulations - Ms Sarraf, Noel & Pantelis

Congratulations to our Head of Mathematics and Science, Ms Laila Sarraf, who has an article published in Vision, the biannual journal Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children: "Nurturing Potential: The Imperative of STEM Education for Gifted and Talented Students." Ms Sarraf wrote about the benefits of STEM activities overall on gifted students and the effectiveness of personalised student enrichment tasks. This will be a keynote reference for educators across Victoria and beyond.

We also congratulate our College Captain, Pantelis S of Year 12, and Noel H of Year 8 who contributed student reflections to the same edition.

Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 16th May 2024 - Whole School Divine Liturgy - Kourtessis Centre
- 17th May 2024 - Year 5/6 Interschool Sports - Soccer and Netball
- 19th May 2024 - Pontian Genocide (Shrine Service)
- 20th May 2024 - Battle of Crete Assembly
- 23rd May 2024 - Junior School Assembly
- 24th May 2024 - Darebin Division Athletics - Senior School
- 24th May 2024 - Year 5/6 Interschool Sports - Soccer and Netball
- 25th May 2024 - Year 9/10 Interschool Sports - Netball
- 31st May 2024 - Year 5/6 Interschool Sports - Soccer and Netball
- 31st May 2024 - Year 8 Interschool Sports - Soccer