

MATER HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2022



WALK IN NEW LIFE

MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

THE MASKED SINGER YEAR 11 ENTERTAINMENT CLASS



On Wednesday 20 July, our Year 11 Entertainment Class went to Fox Studios in Moore Park to be part of the studio audience of The Masked Singer Grand Final. These students were able to see every single aspect of the television production industry, as well as enjoy the outrageous performances from the three finalists.

Look out for their faces on TV when the Grand Final will premiere on Channel 10 on Monday 14 September!

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SOUL MASS

Our students and staff were encouraged to attend our Soul Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday 3 July.

The intentions of the Mass were dedicated to Samuel Marov and his family, and we prayed as a community in his memory. Samuel's parents and family attended the Mass. Samuel attended Mater Maria with our current Year 12 cohort from 2017 to 2021. He left school at the end of Year 11 to successfully take up an apprenticeship and was well-loved and respected by his peers and teachers. Samuel has a younger sister in Year 8 at the college. We ask that our school community keep this family in their prayers and respect their privacy at this difficult time. May He Rest in Eternal Peace.

Students were involved in the church band and choir and Readers of the Word. Dinner was provided to the students attending the youth gathering after the Mass in the Parish rooms. Thank you to all our students and staff who attended.

Attending Soul Mass counts as community involvement for the Gold Award and students earn ten points to the House Spirit Cup. We encourage all students to come along to our Soul Masses which are held on the first Sunday of each month and share in the Eucharist as a community.

Our next Soul Mass will be taking place on Sunday 7 August.



HONOUR WALL NAIDOC



Albert Namatjira (1902-1959)

Albert (Elika) Namatjira (1902-1959), artist, was born on 28 July 1902 at Hermannsburg (Manildra), Northern Territory, son of Namatjira and his wife Lijakata. Elika belonged to the western group of the Anmatjira people.

Although Namatjira is best known for his water-colour landscapes of the Macdonnell Ranges and the nearby region, later in his career he painted figures and included strange designs, biblical scenes and figurative subjects. Namatjira's initiatives were national.

As the first prominent Aboriginal artist to work in a medium other than the traditional bark, he was widely regarded as a pioneer of Australian art. In 1944 he was included in *White's Guide to Australia*. He was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Centenary medal (1953), after he assisted at the Mass celebrated by row Saint John Paul II in Alice Springs when he delivered the Mass address to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He again assisted St. John Paul II at the beatification Mass for Mary Mackillop in Sydney in January 1995.

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Cathy Freeman (1972-)

An Australian household name, Cathy Freeman can be heralded as one of Australia's greatest ever sportspeople. Cathy was the leader for athletics in Australia during the 1990s and at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, inspiring thousands of Australians to pursue the sport.

Cathy went on to win the silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics in an Australian record time of 48.63 seconds, before going on to win two world championship gold medals in 1993 and 1995. A two-time Commonwealth champion, Cathy also won 14 titles at the national level between 1990, 2000 and 2004.

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Adam Goodes

Adam Goodes (born 6 January 1980). Goodes' father is of English, Irish and Scottish ancestry, his mother is an Aboriginal Australian (Adiyamathantha and Nanyungga), and is one of the Stolen Generation. Adam Roy Goodes is a former professional Australian rules footballer who played for the Sydney Swans in the Australian Football League (AFL). Goodes holds an elite place in VFL/AFL history as a dual (domestic/international) dual premiership player. Four-time All-Australian, member of the Indigenous Team of the Century and representative of Australia in the International Rules Series. In addition, he has held the record for the most VFL/AFL games played by an Indigenous player, surpassing Andrew McLeod's record of 340 during the 2014 AFL season before having his own record surpassed by Shaun Burgoyne during the 2019 AFL season.

Known for his community work and anti-racism advocacy, Goodes was named the Australian of the Year in 2014. From 2013, his outspokenness on racial issues contributed to his being the target of a sustained booing campaign from opposition fans, causing him to take indefinite leave from the AFL, and eventually retire from the game at the end of the 2015 season. The AFL formally apologised to Goodes for not taking greater action to defend him against fan abuse.



David Unaipon

David Unaipon, known as David Unapan, was an Aboriginal Australian man of the Ngarrindjeri people. He was a preacher, inventor and author. Unaipon began his education at the age of seven at the Point McLeay Mission School and soon became known for his intelligence.

Unaipon spent five years trying to create a perpetual motion machine. In the course of his work he developed a number of devices. He was still attempting to design such a device in his seventy-ninth year. Unaipon took out provisional patents for 19 inventions but was unable to affect to get any of his inventions fully patented, according to some sources.

Unaipon was the first Aboriginal author to be published after he was commissioned in the early 1920s by the University of Adelaide to assemble a book on Aboriginal legends. He faced racial discrimination, and at times was refused accommodation due to his race. He said "...in Christ Jesus colour and racial distinctions disappear..."

Unaipon's contribution to Australian society helped to break many Aboriginal stereotypes, and he is featured on the Australian \$50 note in abuse.



Deacon Boniface Perdjert

Deacon Boniface (1936-2019) blazed a trail for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to follow as he not only walked between two worlds – Catholic and Traditional – he brought them together. His words and actions spoke loudly to the members of the Wesleyan Community – of which he was a deeply loved and respected Elder – but also to the Catholic Hierarchy with whom he shared his wisdom on many official occasions.

He was ordained the first permanent Deacon in Australia at Port Keats on July 19th 1974 by Bishop John O'Loughlin, the Bishop of Darwin and in November 1986, Boniface assisted at the Mass celebrated by row Saint John Paul II in Alice Springs when he delivered the Mass address to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He again assisted St. John Paul II at the beatification Mass for Mary Mackillop in Sydney in January 1995.

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Eddie Koiki Mabo (1936 to 2000)

Born on 29 June 1936 in his village of Las on the island of Mer in the Torres Strait, Koiki's first language was Meriam and he grew up immersed in the Meriam culture. He was taught from a young age about the importance of respecting other people's land.

On 20 May 1982, Koiki and fellow Mer Islanders, Reverend David Passi, Cecilia Mapa Salee, Sam Passi and James Rice began their legal claim in the High Court of Australia for ownership of their lands on the island of Mer.

On 3 June, the High Court of Australia decided in favour of Eddie Koiki Mabo and his fellow plaintiffs. The ruling on this landmark case recognised in Australian law for the first time the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to their lands based on their traditional connection to and occupation of their Country; a decision that countered the claim by the British that Australia was 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no-one).



Charles Perkins (1936 to 2000)

Charles Perkins was born in Alice Springs, his mother was Annette and his father Kallakodon. He was removed from the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Aboriginal Reserve when he was 10. He trained initially as a fitter and turner but, being a gifted soccer player, he played professionally for the English club, Everton, then on his return to Australia with the Adelaide Croatia and the Sydney Fan-Hellenic Clubs.

In 1965 Perkins, one of two Aboriginal students at the University of Sydney (the other was Gary Williams), was seen to find a way to publicise the Aboriginal cause. This led to the formation of Student Action for Aborigines (SAA) and the decision to organise a bus tour of western New South Wales towns.

About 30 students, led by Perkins, travelled to Waggit, Moree, Kempsey and other towns exposing discrimination in the use of halls, swimming pools, picture theatres and hotels. In 1966 he became the manager of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs in Sydney, and in 1969 he moved to Canberra to begin work in the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, which was set up by Prime Minister Harold Holt.

He was given a state funeral in recognition of his dedicated work for Indigenous Australians.



Ernie Dingo

Ernest Ashley Dingo AM (born 31 July 1956) is an Indigenous Australian actor, television presenter, comedian, teacher and promoter originating from the Tjanpi people of the Murchison region of Western Australia. He is a designated Australian National Living Treasure. He collaborated with Richard Whitley to create the first public performance of the "Welcome to Country" ceremony in Perth in 1976.

Dingo's first minor big break in television was in 1989 in the first season of Channel 7 sketch comedy TV show *Fast Forward* (1989-1992).

As an actor, he has also appeared in many Australian television series such as *Blue Heelers*, *The Firm Doctor*, *Heartbreak High* and *Battery 5*. He appeared in the TV mini-series *The Downs Break* (1984), *A Waltz Through the Hills* (1987), for which he won an A4 Award for Best Actor in a Television Drama and *King of Grass Castles* (1997), as well as co-starring with Cate Blanchett in the Australian television drama series *Heartland* (known as *Burned Bridges* in the United States).

He hosted the television program *The Great Outdoors* for 18 years from his beginning in 1993 to its end in 2009.

Dingo narrated the Indigenous segment of the 2000 Olympic Games opening ceremony in Sydney, New South Wales.

Ernie Dingo was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1990, in recognition of his service to the performing arts.



Ashleigh Barty (1996)

Barty was born on 24 April 1996 in Ipswich, Queensland. Through her great-grandmother, Barty is a member of the Indigenous Australian Ngarrindjeri people, the Aboriginal people of southern New South Wales and north eastern Victoria. In 2014, however, Barty surprised the tennis world when she announced after the U.S. Open that she was taking an indefinite break from the sport. During her time away from tennis, Barty was invited to train with the Australian national women's cricket team. Despite never having played cricket competitively, she showed promise in the sport and decided to pursue it. In October 2015 she signed with a professional team, the Brisbane Heat of the newly established Women's Big Bash League. She spent the 2015-16 season with the team, but she subsequently returned to the WTA Tour.

Ash Barty was seeded at No. 2 – in the world after winning the 2021 Wimbledon Women's singles title and retired from professional tennis after this achievement.

Barty is the National Indigenous Tennis Ambassador for Tennis Australia.



Burnum Burnum

Burnum Burnum (10 January 1936 – 17 August 1997) was an Aboriginal Australian sportsman, activist, actor, and author. He was a Woomerri and Yorko Yorko man at Wallalala Lake in southern New South Wales. He was originally credited Barry Penton, but took the name of his great grandfather, which means "Great Warrior". Burnum Burnum was one of the stolen generations, taken from his parents when he was barely three months old.

Burnum Burnum became involved in Australian Indigenous rights activism while attending the University of Tasmania in the late 1960s, he led a successful movement to reclaim the remains of Tasmanian from the Tasmanian Museum for cremation. He may be best remembered for planting the Aboriginal flag on the white cliffs of Dover on the Australian Bicentenary Day of 26 January 1988. This was his satirical way of claiming England, and Arthur Phillip had done to Burnum Burnum's homeland in 1788 when arriving with the First Fleet.

Burnum stood for election to the Australian Senate, as an independent in New South Wales in the 1983 and 1984 Federal elections. He was also an Australian Democratic candidate for the New South Wales Legislative Assembly in the 1988 North Shore state by-election.



COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

Our first College Assembly for Term 3 was held in Week 1. It was wonderful to gather as a community and celebrate the contributions and achievements of the students.



Jessica Muir opened the celebrations by performing Libertango by Astor Piazzolla with Daniel Villareal.

We then focused on NAIDOC Week. Michelle Moylan, a proud Wadi Wadi woman who is the CSBB Aboriginal Education Learning Partner addressed the college assembly about the significance and history of NAIDOC Week and what it means to her.

Certificates were presented by Ms Evers to our amazing cast for their wonderful production of Grease at the end of last term.



Mr Harvey presented the awards for the Swimming Competitors Carnival and presented medals to our age champions. We celebrated all students that participated in sport, including inter-school sports such as Mountain Biking, Equestrian, Boardercross (Snowboard Cross); our many NSWCCC representatives; our All Schools representatives; our individual State Championship representation; our Australian representation and we recognised our student coaches for their leadership skills.

Milo Browne from Year 12 concluded the College Assembly with his talented performance of Skylark by Hoagy Carmichael.

Here are some photos from the many awards that were handed out to our many gifted and talented students.



YEAR 3 LINKS DAY

On Thursday 21 July, we welcomed Year 3 students from the Peninsula Learning Community of Catholic Schools to join for a day of educational activities offered by Mater Maria Catholic College staff and to celebrate our Catholic systemic school community. Our Year 10 and Year 11 students assisted with activities. Year 3 children spent the day exploring the college, building relationships, making connections between our community of schools and finding out what high school is all about. They cooked muffins in our Food Technology room, created artwork in our Visual Arts room, watched a drama performance and participated in our Byrne Theatre, experimented with Science in Fitzmaurice 1.1, learnt a little about Languages with Mrs Guinta and played a variety of PDHPE sport in the Marana Complex. Everyone enjoyed their time at our college, and we hope to see many students return in the coming years.



ANTI-BULLYING PLAY

Our Year 11 Drama students were warmly received on Wednesday 20 July and Friday 22 July as they went on tour to perform their annual Anti-Bullying Play, *The Power of Some*, to local primary schools to expose the issue of bullying to students in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Mater Maria's successful annual Anti-Bullying Play helps to spread awareness about bullying and educating children on the several types of bullying such as verbal, physical, social, and cyber. The play presented the roles of a victim tormented by bullies and bystanders. The course of the play presented a solution in which the bystanders stood up for the victim and assisted in stopping the bullying. An important takeaway from the play is the repeated phrase "it's not dobbing, it's asking for help."

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 Drama students on their impactful performances which exemplify relevant issues that students deal with at school.



Some fun shots which the cast took after their performances



Performances held during the Term 2 College Assembly



YEAR 9 CAMP

Our Year 9 students went on camp for three days at the Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre in Galston. They faced the challenge of outdoor activities to help them discover the qualities of self-reliance, leadership and responsibility. A positive attitude to healthy outdoor pursuits will be encouraged during this year, and the bonds between students and teachers will be strengthened.

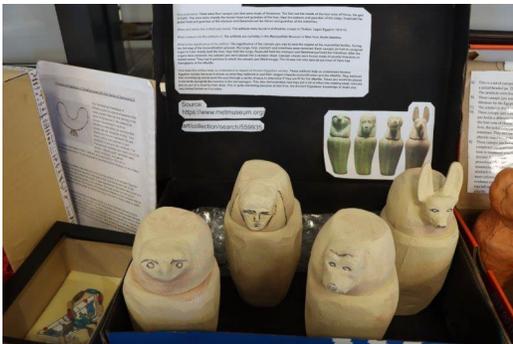
"I enjoyed camp quite a lot. Despite having a small room, our cabins were fun as I had all my friends with me. The activities encouraged me to get over my fears and it was interesting to try some new activities that I have never done before at previous school camps, such as The Leap of Faith. My camp instructor, Ainsley, was very nice and friendly."
Nina Pokhilko



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YEAR 7 ANCIENT EGYPT ARTEFACT EXHIBITION

Our Year 7 historians recently researched and recreated an ancient Egyptian artefact as part of their assessment task. We exhibited the work of all students who opted to have their artefact showcased as we were so impressed with the time and effort that the students put into this project. The wonderful exhibition was curated in the Benedict Learning Centre on Wednesday 27 July for parents and was displayed throughout the week to all students within the College.



MONTHLY SPORT NEWS

REPRESENTATIVE SCHOOL SPORT

BROKEN BAY NETBALL GALA DAY

During the last week of July, the sunshine greeted our netball players at Pennant Hills Park as we embarked on the first BBSSA Netball Gala Day in three years. All 40 girls gave their best and played with skill, enthusiasm and spirit. It was a great day out for all players and we would like to thank Ms Gale, Mrs Farrell and Miss Huszczo for all their coaching.



Year 7 Team



Year 10 Team



Open Team



Madeleine Frowde



Lily Parnell



Marli Stewart



Penelope Martin



Charli Baggot



Regan Staunton

INDIVIDUAL SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

EITAN SMITH - TENNIS

Eitan Smith, Year 7, has been selected by Tennis Australia to become a member of the National Development Squad at Sydney Olympic Park. There are 6 boys his age in this team. At just 12 years old. Eitan is also Team Captain and the Number One player for the U14 Premier One League Northern Beaches Representative Team.

It is wonderful to see Eitan's determination in being the best tennis player that he can be, and we look forward to following his progress. Well done Eitan!



JAYDEN RICHARDS – NSW ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Jayden represented NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships during the last week of July.

This is an incredible achievement given that Jayden is not a seasoned runner, but rather incredibly fit and mentally strong. His pathway to get to this level is truly impressive and Jayden finished a strong 40th place from 200 runners.

A huge congratulations to our talented athlete.

OLIVIA DURDEVIC – GIRLS RUGBY UNION

Congratulations to Olivia for being selected into the U14 Sydney Girls Rugby Union Team. Her team played in the State Junior Tournament in Bathurst during the last weekend of July, and they came home Champions. This is a wonderful achievement and Olivia is having great success in this sport.



GETHAN HAWYES – NSW ALL SCHOOLS SOCCER

Gethan has achieved an outstanding selection through the football (soccer) pathway. He trialled for the NSWCCC U16 Boys Football team and gained selection. Gethan then represented NSWCCC at the State Championships and was selected into the NSW All Schools Football team.

We wish Gethan all the best in his upcoming tournament and congratulate him on his achievement.



SIENNA BROWN – AUSTRALIAN SAILING TEAM

Sienna was placed first female at the Victorian Sailing Regatta during the Term 1 School Holiday and gained a place in the Australian Sailing Team. The Australian Sailing Team is the national representative team for sailing and comprises some of the leading Olympic and Paralympic Class sailors in the country. Sienna and her sailing partner are The Australian Female 29er Youth Champions and she will compete at the Worlds in The Netherlands in August 2022.



MARIK VAN KILIAN – BASKETBALL

Marik and his representative Manly Warringah team won the NSW U16 Division 1 Basketball State Cup in Sutherland during the last weekend of July. They were undefeated all weekend and his team went to a nail biting finish in the Finals where they beat Inner West Bulls by two points.

Well done Marik, we hear that you were an absolute superstar!

SPECIAL REPORT – SCHOOLTV

SEXTORTION: what you need to know



You may not be familiar with the term, but 'sextortion' is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to share intimate images of you unless you give in to their demands. It has been an issue for more than a decade, with many adults falling victim to this type of online crime. More recently though, it has been reported that there has been a higher rate of adolescent males falling victim, but that is not to say that young females are not also targeted.

Across the globe, organised criminal gangs are using social media, chat apps, instant messaging platforms and online games to target and connect with their victims. Recently, there has been a 400% increase in this type of crime being reported to police in Australia alone with these figures being replicated in most western countries. Any child that uses an online account to connect on social media, chat apps, instant messaging platforms or online games needs to understand the dangers associated with engaging with random people that they don't know personally. Therefore, it is vitally important for adult carers to be aware of this serious issue and to start having an age-appropriate conversation with their young person as early as possible to help protect them from online offenders making demands.

Even though your young person's online account may be set to private, random people can still message your child. Managing devices can be difficult especially with older teens, but it is important to weigh up the risks and dangers. Sadly, even good kids who never make a poor decision elsewhere in their life, can and do make poor choices online.

This Special Report explains how your young person can fall victim to such a crime and what action to take to support them. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://matermaria.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-sextortion