

MATER HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 2022



WALK IN NEW LIFE

MATER MARIA
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW 2023 COLLEGE PREFECTS



We would like to congratulate Liliana Wanstall and Charlie McMurray, our new College Captains, and Amber Kendall and Charley Gardiner, our new College Vice Captains. We would also like to congratulate Dominic Natoli, Michael Chambers, Joseph Hyland, Evan Flynn, Liam Howell, Brendan Lindfield, Brooke Baines, Claire Bottero, Kyla Gaughan, Charli Baggott, Nikola Henley, Ellia Buhagiar, Niamh Thompson, Eva Hyland, Lauren Muriti and Sophie Mitchell will be our new Senior Prefects.

Over the next few weeks, the new student leaders will be reflecting on their interests and passions and the collective skill set of the group to determine the various ministries they will lead for the next 12 months. The College will be in good hands with this talented group of leaders who will serve our community in 2023. The new student leadership team will take carriage of their important new roles from the beginning of Term 4.

IMPORTANT DATES

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER –
FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**
Year 11 Examinations

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER –
TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Qualifying Hike

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER –
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**
Silver Duke of Edinburgh
Qualifying Hike

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER –
8.1, 8.3, 8.5, 8.7 & 8.9
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER –
8.2, 8.4, 8.6, 8.8**
Year 8 Reflection Days

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
Year 12 Graduation Mass and
Awards

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
Public Holiday – National Day of
Mourning

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
Last day of Term 3

MONDAY 10 OCTOBER
First day of Term 4

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

On Monday 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption was celebrated by Catholic communities across the world. This holy day celebrates that the Immaculate Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates our Catholic belief in Mary's full participation in her Son's resurrection and moves us to anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. The Feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we reflect on this one facet in the life of this exemplary woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary shows each of us by example and prayer how to grow in God's grace, how to be receptive to the will of God, and how to convert our lives through service and penance that we might seek and attain everlasting union with God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mass to mark the Solemnity of the Assumption was celebrated at the College for all students. We thank Fr Aldrin from the Lake's Parish for celebrating Mass with our College community.





SOUL MASS

Our students and staff were encouraged to attend our Soul Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Sunday 6 August.

It was well attended and was well represented by Year 11 students. Thank you to Mr El-Khansa, our Business Manager, and his wife for the delicious BBQ after Mass.

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 4 September.



YEAR 9 BATYR PRESENTATION

On Wednesday 3 August, as a part of our Pastoral Program, our Year 9 students attended a one-hour incursion on mental health and wellbeing. The presenters were young, relatable guest speakers from an organisation called *Batyr*, whose mission is to engage young people in positive conversations about mental health and empowering them to reach out for support when needed. Through the sharing of young people's lived experience stories, *Batyr* aims to empower young people by giving them the knowledge and skills to lead mentally healthy lives.

YEAR 7 PARENT EVENING

After the initial postponement in March due to the pandemic restrictions, we were finally able to hold our Year 7 Parent Evening on Thursday 10 August in the Benedict Learning Centre. Our Year 11 Hospitality students donned their chef's uniform and spent the day busily preparing and producing the food. The event was well attended and was a great opportunity for parents to meet one another in an informal environment over a light supper.

NAIDOC WEEK POSTER WINNERS



In Week 1 the College celebrated NAIDOC week. The theme this year was "Get Up! Stand Up! Show up!". Many students participated in a colouring-in competition of the official NAIDOC Week poster. The competition winners were as follows:



First prize - Liliana Fiedler
Gift voucher



Second prize - Isabelle Kenna
Chocolates



Third prize - Sienna Hicks
Canteen voucher

IT'S ALL ABOUT MATHS!



Our top performing mathematics students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition on Wednesday and Friday of Week 3. This engaging problem-solving competition demonstrated to our students the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. We look forward to the discussion that will follow in our classrooms about the questions they faced and to receiving their results.

Our Year 9 students attended the Ignite Mathematics Excursion at St Leo's Catholic College in Wahroonga. This was an opportunity for students studying this course to gather together as a cohort to engage in mathematical problem solving and complete a group assessment task together.

EP SCIENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

During Week 6, students participated in the EP Science Championship which is one of the competitions run by Education Perfect. They were awarded points for the most science questions answered within a time frame. Mater Maria placed 74th globally out of 2,440 schools and 24th in Australia out of 435 schools.



Top participant: Benjamin Carroll



Second place Lily Cardow

Congratulations to Ben and Lily. They have each been awarded 10 house points and a canteen voucher.

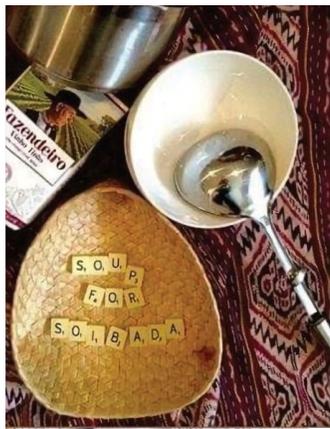
YEAR 7 WORLD OF MATHS DAY

Year 7 participated in problem-solving games at The World of Maths Day in the Marana Complex at the end of June. The games incorporated the 'Working Mathematically' syllabus outcome which is all about making sure learning is fun through real-life examples, by understanding instructions and applying problem-solving skills.

There were many hands-on activities for the students. Not only to reinforce maths concepts, but also to encourage participation, boost confidence and spark a love of learning. At the end of the day, the students felt very rewarded through all their achievements.



SOIBADA FUNDRAISER WITH MATER MARIA BAND PERFORMING



The Friends of Soibada are a diverse group of local individuals who are committed to forging a lasting friendship between communities on Sydney's Northern Beaches and those in the Central Timor Leste Province of Soibada. Their key objective is to support the local people in their efforts to achieve sustainable development in their region.

Their latest initiative was a joint fundraiser with Pittwater Parish which was held on Friday 26 August in the hall under the Maria Regina Church in Avalon.

Our Mater Maria band 'Monkey Business' performed at the event. It was a wonderful evening with many members of the community enjoying their bowl of soup, crusty bread and live entertainment. Tickets were sold for \$15 and all proceeds are being donated to Soibada.

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Ahead of the final week of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, our students enjoyed a morning tea catch up and completed their reading logs. The challenge, which encourages students to experience quality literature, has now closed for 2022.



PRIME MINISTER'S **SPELLINGBEE**



During Week 6, some classes in Years 7 and 8 took part in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. This is a competition which is run across Australia and designed to encourage students to develop spelling skills in an engaging format. Participating students were given thirty random words that are very challenging to spell.

Equal first place in Year 8 went to Claire Biok and Sebastian Reyes-Roman on 26 points.

Toby Foxtton scored the highest score in Year 7 with 25 points.

Congratulations to Claire, Sebastian and Toby, who have each been awarded 10 house points and a canteen voucher.

Further congratulations to Sebastian Reyes-Roman. News has just been received that he has progressed to the State Finals due to the time in which he answered the questions. Well done!



Claire Biok



Sebastian Reyes-Roman



Toby Foxtton

YEAR 7 POLICE LIAISON PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday 4 August, Senior Detective Constable, Darren Cairns, attended our College throughout the day to present to the Year 7 students.

Senior Detective Constable Cairns has been in the police force for 26 years and now guides young people to make the right decisions during their teen years. He talked to students about correct behaviour on public transport and treating bus drivers with respect and emphasised to students why they should wear the College uniform correctly and appropriately. He explained the current laws, rules and regulations involving bullying, harassment and intimidation, vaping, cyber safety, and in particular, sending and asking for inappropriate images.

The students left the Byrne Theatre with many key messages. Some of these include:

- Once you have taken and shared an image, you lose control over who sees it and where it ends up.
- Talk to your peers and your teachers if you are experiencing bullying for support.
- Never carry a weapon because you as the owner will be in serious trouble if it is found or used.
- Never talk to strangers online. The critical concern taking place with many teens right now is called Sextortion, never a topic just a few years ago ([CLICK HERE](#) for the article in our July 2022 newsletter).
- Do not vape. It not only takes your money, but vaping also takes your health and your friends. “You look sad, uncool and if you get caught, you will end up with a \$1,050 fine” he emphasised.

Constable Darren gave advice on how to avoid trouble and still have a good time, and to value good health and take care of each other. His presentation unveiled to the students the damage that can be done not just to their own physical health, but to mental health, and the effects on friends, family and the wider community.

Our thanks to our PDHPE teachers and Year 7 Coordinator for their work with the students on this important health initiative.



YEAR 11 DRAMA

SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY

On Monday 15 August, Year 11 Drama watched the STC's production of *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. As students sat in the front rows of the Roslyn Packer Theatre, they were spellbound by the dazzling revival of a classic Victorian-era mystery.

Penned by one of the English language's greatest writers, Robert Louis Stevenson, and adapted and directed by Kip Williams, *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* follows London lawyer Gabriel Utterson as he attempts to unravel the mysteries surrounding his friend Dr Henry Jekyll and the shadowy new presence in his life, Mr Edward Hyde. One of the most gripping and intricate tales ever told, this chilling detective story has captivated artists and audiences alike for generations.

In their upcoming exams, students will be writing a theatrical review where they will analyse the theoretical underpinnings and implications of key theatrical elements used by Kip Williams in his gothic and cine-theatre production.



YEAR 9 COMMERCE BIG DAY OUT

AND IT WAS BIG! The Commerce Big Day Out took place on Thursday 11 August. It began at 5.30am and involved visits to four of Sydney's fascinating commercial places. Students from our two Year 9 Commerce classes toured Flemington Growers Market, Flemington Flowers Market and had breakfast at the Bicentennial Wetlands. They conducted a fieldwork exercise in the DFO Centre at Homebush and had a multicultural lunch experience in the Eastwood Shopping District.

The day was entertaining and supported the coursework by looking at concepts including supply chain, marketing, target markets and the marketing mix. All in all, a wonderful day was had by all. Congratulations to all the student participants who made the day a success.



KIDS CANCER CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

On Friday 19 August, we held a cupcake fundraiser in memory of Alana de Kort who was a Mater Maria student. Cupcakes with pineapples were sold in front of the Benedict Learning Centre at recess in exchange for a gold coin donation.

Alana's family were overwhelmed by the warmth and generosity of our community for the second time this year and raised an amazing \$2,048 for The Kids' Cancer Project.



ABC CLASSIC CHOIRS

During Week 6, our Junior Vocal Ensemble joined the ABC Classic Choirs to record a carol for a Gardening Australia Christmas Special, which will be screened in December.

Their wonderful performance was recorded by our VET Entertainment students and will appear alongside thousands of others around the country in one large online choir.

'O Christmas Tree' is the perfect choice for a gardening show. This very old Christmas carol has been rewritten to include First Nations languages and has an amazing backing track by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra.

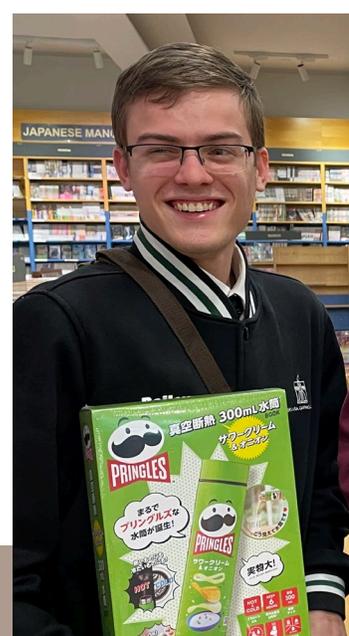
We hope that you enjoy their recording: <https://youtu.be/yoXnBRftOD8>



CROSS CAMPUS CENTRE DARUMA MORNING TEA

During Week 5, students in the Year 11 and 12 Japanese Beginners Course met with visiting Japanese assistant Yuna from Tokyo. These students have been studying Japanese via the Cross Campus Centre blended learning program. At the morning tea, they enjoyed popular Japanese snacks such as Pocky sticks and a daruma cider drink. (A daruma is used to make a wish. You paint in the left eye to make a wish, and colour in the right eye when your wish comes true).

Last term, the students visited the city to experience Japanese culture with the other members of their course from across the diocese. They enjoyed lunch at Yayoi restaurant and visited the Kinokuniya bookstore famous for its manga and anime related collections. We wish the Year 12 students the best of luck with their upcoming HSC exams.



YEAR 12 WINTER SLEEPOUT

During Week 6, the Year 12 cohort participated in the yearly school sleepout. This was a fundraiser for Father Chris Riley's 'Youth off the Streets' and each participant donated \$20 to the charity. To begin the night, we set up our beds in the Year 12 rooftop area but unfortunately, the weather had other ideas and we were forced to take cover and sleep in the Marana Complex. Some of the boys chose to rough it outside the Byrne Theatre including Mr Rulli. We had a fire, played cards and guitars and even pulled out a skipping rope. Year 11 Hospitality provided a French Onion soup kitchen and we made ourselves hot chocolates before bed. Overall, It was a great night and a fantastic way to not only raise some money for a worthy cause, but to also spend some time together as a Year Group before graduation.

Ellie Devitt



YEAR 12 HSC CREATIVE ARTS, TAS & MUSIC

We were treated to an inspiring evening, as we held our annual HSC Showcase on Monday 29 August. Students and parents were welcomed to our College to see the exceptional HSC major works created by our Creative Arts and TAS students in the Marana Complex and watch our Year 12 musicians share their amazing HSC performances in the Byrne Theatre. We wish our Music students every success for their HSC Music Practical exam on Monday 5 September.





CUPCAKE COMPLIMENTS; KEEPING OUR SENIORS GOING



"You are doing a great job!"

Out of the blue, in Mentor Classes some tired and busy students preparing for their HSC and upcoming Year 11 exams were pleasantly surprised to receive a cupcake with a little affirmation of their capacity to keep on learning and staying confident with their studies. The smiles were instant and hearts were warmed. This was a win-win situation for the Year 8 students who started this idea to infiltrate happy sentiments amongst those with the highest pressure here at the College. The cute cupcakes, boasting a bright flag with a compliment on it, were delivered to the students with the highest stakes that all the juniors look up to with admiration and envy. And they were made by the Year 10 food-tech students and decorated by the Year 8 team, who all had a chance to be a part of the wellbeing initiative and open communication between them surrounding our collective approaches to staying Okay and being our best selves.

Two Year 8 Mater Maria students, Ava O'Dwyer and Naomi Kelly, demonstrated their strong initiative towards our school-wide approach to overall wellbeing by organising a delivery of a cupcake with a compliment to each and every Year 11 and Year 12 student in these past weeks leading up to R U Ok Day. After engaging with Matt Hanlon's "Crazy Ideas" Project from a Melbourne based wellbeing program in Year 7, Ava and Naomi won the National prize for one of the best ideas put forward across Australia for a school-wide project that would lift morale.

These outstanding, outspoken girls were provided with a Business Manager, Zoe Burrows, who led them through a series of intense business model sessions where they mapped out a way to get their big ideas off the ground and into the community. With the help of Burrows, they approached Mrs Woodhill, Director of Pastoral Care, and Ms Leigh-Jones, Assistant Coordinator English, who put their program in place for Term 3 as a lead up to R U Okay Day. As we have found, the conversations around R U Okay Day are always necessary no matter how they are instigated and the addition of a cupcake with a compliment is a really nice way to start the day. Sometimes, a little smile is all it takes to turn someone's attitude around.

2021 heralded a few successes for our dedicated and diligent students here at Mater Maria Catholic College that has kept us all winning in 2022.

Ms Leigh-Jones
Assistant Coordinator English



MONTHLY SPORT NEWS

JAMIE LYON CUP GALA DAY

The Jamie Lyon Cup Gala Day was a successful one for our Year 7 boys. The gala day was held at Lakeside Park in Narrabeen where students faced off against other local schools with the goal of winning the cup. Our team played with pride, teamwork and passion as we remained undefeated over the course of the day.

This was the first time Mater Maria has taken home the cup in 16 years. A real sign of the future for rugby league at the College. Well done boys and a big thank you to Mr Matthews and Mr Richards (Xavier's and Jayden's dads) for coaching the boys throughout Term 2 and for this gala day.



NSW STATE ULTIMATE FRISBEE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day was a new experience for our senior students of the College as they played in a state-wide tournament. It was a great day all round with the inclusion of spirit circles and self-refereed games. Both teams played with fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork, and a willingness to learn as the experience is one that will be remembered for all.



NSW SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUGBY 7'S GALA DAY

The NSW Secondary Schools Rugby 7's Gala Day was another fantastic experience for all age groups. The day involved our Year 7's experiencing their first taste of the sport and our senior students experiencing their final gala day in green and white colours. Overall, both girls' and boys' teams encountered a thoroughly enjoyable day with spirited performances throughout.



Year 9/10 Girls team



Year 7/8 Girls team



Sideline action

BBSSAU13 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

It was great to see the Mater Maria Rugby League Boys come together for a gala day after rain had prevented many games being played for this team. The boys were keen to get on the field and show their skills and they did not disappoint. Mater Maria went through the rounds with a few wins and a draw. Their Semi-Final game against St Edwards ended in a draw, but unfortunately, they did not progress to the finals due to St Edwards finishing higher in their pool on the other side of the draw. Although the boys were disappointed, they held their heads high and were complimented on their sportsmanship in the face of adversity. Thank you to Dave Richards (Jayden's dad) for coaching the boys at this gala day.



PENINSULA CUP SOCCER

This week, we saw the last of the round games for the U14 and U18 Girls Peninsula Cup Soccer Competition with Semi-Finals starting next week. Mater Maria has three girls' teams involved and we wish them all the best for their upcoming games and Semi-Finals.

U14 Girls, Year 8 team



BBSSA U14 GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

This Rugby League Development and Gala Day was the first run by Broken Bay for girls. We are seeing many opportunities for girls in football codes, and it is great to see so many Mater Maria students taking these up with such enthusiasm and joy. All girls experienced the best of Broken Bay Rugby League, and many lessons were learnt throughout the day. This day assisted in the preparation for the Katrina Fanning Cup.



KATRINA FANNING GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

What a fabulous day we had at Reub Hudson as 25, Year 7 and 8 girls represented Mater Maria at the Katrina Fanning Gala Day. Ms Spano and Mr Harvey were in awe of the way all girls connected and this was obvious with the on-field teamwork. Great attack, fabulous defence and ball skills made for a successful day with the College finishing in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Congratulations to the girls.



BOYS NETBALL - METRO CUP AND NSW SCHOOLS CUP



The Netball NSW Schools Cup Years 7 & 8 Regional Finals were a great learning experience for the boys who haven't played much netball before. They worked hard in the lead up at training to learn new skills and strategies that they put into practice on the day. Liam Reilly led the way in the circle, displaying his new and improved shooting technique and working in partnership with our other shooters Daniel Crookwell and Nicholas Drake, who were both accurate with their shots and dominant targets in the circle. Lachlan Tutt stepped up and took on the challenge of defence with an unfortunate injury to our Goal Keeper, Tyson Matthews, beforehand. He and Ethan Wooldridge turned over a lot of balls and made it difficult for the other teams to score. Finn McCann was most improved and took some incredible intercepts down the court in Wing Defence. Jasper Nathanielsz and Harley Hitchman

both fed the circle well and put into practice our centre pass plans accurately. Patrick Kralic took on the role of Captain for the day and demonstrated both his leadership and netball skills consistently while playing in the centre position. We'd like to thank Zara Fordred for coming along with us and umpiring throughout the day. Her netball advice to the boys between games was also very helpful.

Overall, while we didn't walk away with the results we wanted, the day was a huge success as the boys improved dramatically and we all had fun.

BOYS PENINSULA CUP RUGBY UNION AND SALT SHED TRAINING

Over recent weeks, the Under 14 Peninsula Cup side have taken their training to another level with the inclusion of strength and fitness training on Tuesday mornings. This has proven to be the point of difference as our boys remain undefeated throughout the competition. This form of training is a great way for the team to build chemistry as a group and work on their strengths and weaknesses in the weight room. Keep it up boys!



BBSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A wonderful day was held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Track, Homebush for the annual BBSSA Athletics Championships, the first in three years. A fabulous display of school spirit and talent was on show for our Mater Maria students, which were the largest team at the Championships. All students performed well, but there were some special results.

Alberto Jordan (Year 8) broke the event record for the U13 Boys High Jump (1.69m) and the following students were crowned Age Champions for the event:

U12 Boys - Flinn Bailey

U13 Boys - Alberto Jordan

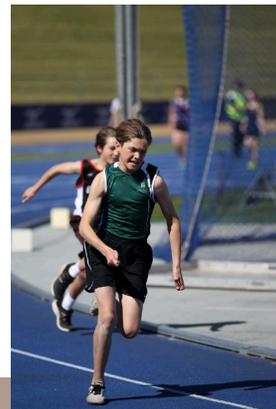
U15 Boys - Harvey Monnock

17+ Girls - Talia Kupceric (runner up Age Champion)

The following students qualified for the NSWCCC Athletics Championships:

Finn Bailey (Year 7), Callum Fitzsimmons (Year 7), Alberto Jordan (Year 8), Daniel Mahoney (Year 8), Sienna Kupceric (Year 9), Tahlia O'Brien (Year 10), Talia Kupceric (Year 11) and Liam Howells (Year 11).

Congratulations to all these students at the BBSSA Athletics Carnival.



INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION

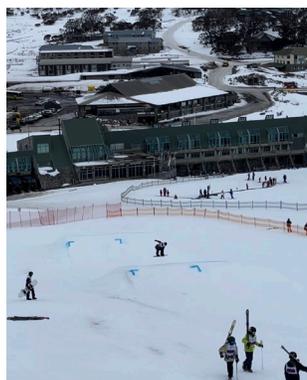
SEAN RYCE - KAYAKING



During May, Sean went to Adelaide to compete at Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships, where he got selected for the Australian Junior National Team. Included in the selection Sean was given a training scholarship for NSWIS (New South Wales Institute of Sport). Sean has recently gained a full scholarship and is now a member of NSWIS. Sean is currently competing in Hungary and will, later in the year, compete in Japan for the Asia Pacific Cup in the Term 3 holidays. We wish Sean all the best.

TAJ SAKOVITS - SNOW SPORTS

Taj competed in the State Championships comp in August after qualifying at NSW Interschools in June. At these Championships, Taj came 16th in the State for the Slopestyle Snowboarding Competition, which qualified him for the National Championships which will be held later this week. We wish Taj the best of luck for his event.



JASMINE BENNETTS - GYMNASTICS

Jasmine Bennetts won the State Championship 2022 for Level 7 Seniors gymnastics on Saturday. It was wonderful to see Jasmine compete after two years of COVID-19 cancelling the Championships. Jasmine had an amazing result and she will compete at Level 8 on Friday 9 September for State Clubs, which is a team event.

Congratulations Jasmine and good luck.



LILLY KOVAC - SURF LIFESAVING

A big congratulations to Lilly for her Award of Excellence, after being named Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year on the Northern Beaches. This award takes in club patrol hours, volunteer hours and contributions to her local SLSC. Lilly also competes in SLS competitions. Congratulations Lilly.



JOURNALISM COMPETITION



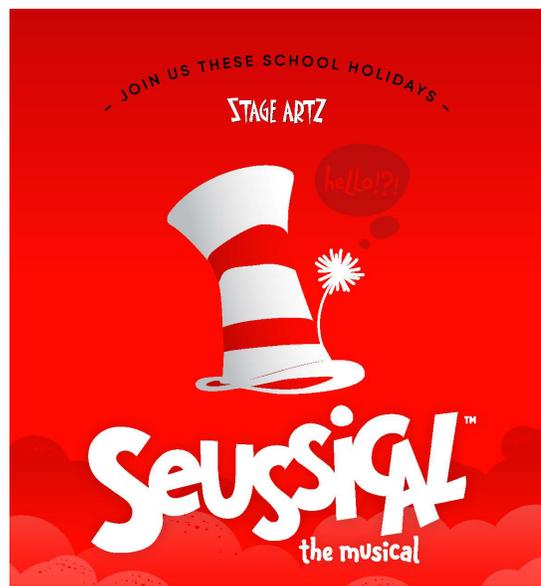
Throughout Term 3, four Year 10 students, on their own initiative, have been working on a journalism project for the “Front Page – News of the Future” schools competition. The competition required students to create their own digital newspaper speaking of issues that are relevant to them.

Pacha Saidi, Kelsey Kilner, Mia Mackenzie and Ava Joergensen took up the challenge and shaped a paper that speaks to what it means to be a citizen today. Examining the fractured global politics that are emerging across the world, the Year 10 students explored what rights and responsibilities we hold as Australian citizens in 2022.

During this process, they had the wonderful opportunity to sit with journalist and Executive Editor for *Mamamia*, Clare Stephens, who generously assisted in workshopping student stories. We wish Pacha, Kelsey, Mia and Ava the very best in the competition.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN - SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

STAGE ARTZ CHARITY MUSICAL 2022



Over the past 20 years, the Stage Artz Theatre Company and Stage Artz Performing Arts School have come together once a year to stage a musical production to raise money for The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Stage Artz Charity Musicals have now raised \$278,000 for the children’s hospital. After two years off due to COVID-19, they are excited to be performing again. This year, they are hoping to raise another \$22,000, taking their total hospital donation to a milestone \$300,000.

To celebrate their return to the stage, Stage Artz are bringing one of their most popular charity shows, *Seussical the Musical*, back to the Glen Street Theatre stage. *Seussical* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that brings the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr Seuss to life. Conceived by Monty Python’s Eric Idle, with music by Tony award winners Ahrens & Flaherty, a cast of over 100 performers (including children from the Northern Beaches) and a live band, *Seussical* is a fun, heartwarming, and sensational show for the whole family.

Seussical the Musical will be performed at the Glen Street Theatre in Belrose from Saturday 24 September to Saturday 1 October (during the September school holidays). [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and tickets.

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SPECIAL REPORT – SCHOOLTV

BUILDING RESILIENCE Post Pandemic



Having a sense of belonging involves more than simply knowing other people. It is also focused on gaining acceptance, attention and support from others, as well as having the opportunity to provide the same to other people.

When the pandemic interrupted our lives and changed the way we live, this meant that suddenly many of our young people's main sources of connection with peers and extended family members was removed overnight without warning. As human beings, we have a basic emotional and biological need for connection. It provides us with feelings of identity, security, support, acceptance and community.

Students who have a sense of belonging will experience these feelings which in turn supports their academic, psychological and social development. When young people come together again after a period of instability, there is a period of adjustment. Whilst the rules of the group may be established, acceptance remains paramount and can therefore mean some behaviours become far from rational, making it difficult for their brain to focus on things, such as learning. All these factors combined, leave young people open to being vulnerable. It can sometimes tempt them into making choices or becoming involved in situations they might not ordinarily consider.

As a result of the pandemic, there are still many young people struggling to connect and regain their sense of belonging. This Special Report provides guidance to families who find themselves in this situation. 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-building-belonging-post-pandemic