A Note from the Principal’s Desk

This year the theme has been Infinity and Beyond. My question today is how do you know what is beyond? What does beyond look like, how will you know when you are there? I have a lot of respect for explorers of the past, men and women, who believed in the beyond. They didn’t just see a mountain range, they believed there was a beyond. They didn’t just see endless vast spans of oceans, they believed there was other land beyond. They didn’t focus on the present circumstance and the status quo, they had a vision of what could be.

An important aspect of wellbeing is a sense of optimism and this is what a vision for your life gives you. A picture, a hope and a dream of what is possible. A well-known leader and author says that “everything great and worthwhile in life is achieved uphill, the sense of accomplishment when you reach the top is exhilarating, the view spectacular but unfortunately too many of us are living with downhill attitudes and behaviours.”

As you dream of the Beyond for your life, there are going to be hurdles, mishaps, mistakes, tough times, the desire to want to give up, turn around and go back, but I encourage you to keep going. Look beyond your present circumstance to what can be. There is a long delay between sowing and harvesting, but keep cultivating the land, keep living out our college values, because the vision for your life should be so strong that it keeps spurring you toward the goal.

Ephesians 2:10: For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. This is the vision for your life, that you are created with a purpose. God has a vision for your life, he has good works for you to do. Our role at school is to set you on that course, that you may grab hold of that vision.

There were three bricklayers working beside each other on a wall. Someone came up to the first one and said, “What are you doing?” “What’s it look like I am doing?” he replied sarcastically, “I am laying bricks!” The man asked the next guy on the wall what he was doing. He said, “Can’t you see what I am doing? I am building a wall.” Then the last man was asked what he was doing. He exclaimed, “I am building a great cathedral!” Who do you think will do the best quality work and be the hardest worker? Vision causes people to love their work because they can see the big picture.

Where is Beyond for you?

Mr Darren Cox
College Principal
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6 Habits to Wellbeing - The Art of Living Well

This Year, as a College, we have introduced the 6 habits for Wellbeing with the hope that our Christian vision of wellbeing will empower all members of the College community to flourish. The 6 habits actively promote the art of living well and are:

Explore Faith, Be Positive, Connect, Bounce back, Get Involved and Aspire.

Each habit has a number of action steps that promote that particular habit in the lives of our community members. As an important part of our College community, we would love to invite you to be part of our journey as we discover together how each habit supports the aim of living the best life possible.

Why Wellbeing?
You might be asking the question, why is community wellbeing so important? Wellbeing has been shown to be far more than the absence of mental distress or disorder. It is the combination of our physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health factors that lead towards or away from a flourishing life. One of the most important reasons we are focused on wellbeing is that scientific research has identified a powerful link between learning and wellbeing. As a direct result to this finding it is the College’s aim to integrate wellbeing into each student’s academic journey. Current psychological research outlines how students with high levels of wellbeing are more likely to succeed academically, complete Year 12, develop better mental health and display a more pro-social and responsible lifestyle (Australian Catholic University and Erebus International, 2008).

St Philip’s Christian College Cessnock believes that this model of wellbeing aligns with our Christian hope, which is to provide the best possible care and wellbeing to our community. This is achieved through demonstrating genuine Christ-like love for our community and living out the hope that all would embrace the fullness of life found in Christ. At its core, the 6 habits find their direction in our desire to love God and love others. These foundational motivations are derived from Jesus’ words to the religious leaders of the day.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31

The direction from Jesus to love others is foundational to our approach where our aim is to provide a positive environment in which our community can Explore Faith, Be Positive, Connect, Bounce Back, Get Involved and Aspire. If you would like to find out more about the 6 Habits of Wellbeing, please feel free to contact me at aaron.hodges@spcc.nsw.edu.au

Mr Aaron Hodges
College Chaplain
Holidays

Create magical moments in the holidays, is what I wish to say to all my delightful Prep families. Whilst on holidays remember to share your love of learning with your children. There are so many teachable moments. Even just watering the garden, can open up so many learning discoveries, be ready to go on the journey.

Take time to do something new together. Spend time reading books with your children. Take a story and find a new reading nook that inspires imagination and helps you make a loving connection with your precious one. Stories are a fantastic way to practice your child’s oral development, storytelling and retelling skills. It is fun to allow our children opportunities to be creative, discover their imagination and explore roles and identities, combining the idea of using knowledge from a book to inform their play.

Remember to practice jolly phonics and counting in your everyday experiences. A trip to the supermarket is an awesome way to identify beginning sounds and numbers. Sorting and counting items as they go into the trolley makes learning fun and encourages ideas of how to be a great help and get jobs done together.

Let your light shine,

Mrs Schillert
Prep Teacher
Vision Teams Go To Infinity and Beyond

“Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion in others.” Bill Hybels

In Junior School, we have four Vision Teams who turn dreams about our desired future into reality. The staff on these Vision Teams collaborate enthusiastically and have been instrumental in leading change and establishing programs throughout Junior School.

The STEAM Team have worked hard to create purposeful and meaningful programs to enable students to learn critical and creative thinking skills. They plan collaborative 'hands on' activities that focus on inquiry based learning. Students enjoy using a range of technology and materials to assist them in their learning. From coding and robotics to circuitry and construction, our STEAM lessons are a highlight of the week for the students.

The Growth Mindset Team have strategically planned activities and created resources to use in the classroom to encourage the students to have a ‘Growth Mindset’ instead of a ‘Fixed Mindset’. Research outlines that if we teach to the Growth Mindset theory, we develop in our students the belief that their basic abilities, such as intelligences or talents, can be developed through dedication and hard work. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that effort makes them stronger. Therefore, they put in extra time and effort, and that leads to higher achievement. We encourage students to embrace challenges, to persevere and persist despite failure. They recognise that mistakes are valuable learning opportunities where they can grow ‘brain trees’.

It is estimated that 70% of the population have a fear of public speaking. Speaking is something that 2 out of 3 people need to do in their professional careers and given that it is described as one of the most common fears, we have a responsibility to do everything we can to equip students to be confident and competent speakers.
The Public Speaking Team have been instrumental in ensuring students are given a range of public speaking opportunities in class as well as in the wider community. The Comedy Competition and oral presentations at Morning Meetings have been two of their initiatives.

Service Learning is an effective way to link educational content with real-world needs in the community. We desire for students to passionately serve, seek and suggest ways to serve others at school, in the local community and overseas. The Service Learning Team focuses on providing opportunities for students to build empathy and compassion. Students are encouraged to look beyond themselves and naturally think of ‘others’ first. Our weekly Young @ Heart visits to the Calvary Retirement Community is just one of the Service learning experiences students participate in.

It is an incredible privilege to work with our dedicated staff who are so passionate about seeing the ‘desired future’ vision statements come to reality. Our students are certainly benefiting from the activities, programs and opportunities that are being presented to them.

Term Three was certainly a busy one, filled with exciting learning opportunities. I hope you have a refreshing and relaxing break with your wonderful children.

Mrs Margaret Pond
Head of Junior School

Child Sponsorship Update
Unfortunately, after 10 years of support, we need to say farewell to Ajay, our sponsor child in India. Ajay has now finished school which means he is no longer able to be part of the Child Sponsorship Program. Generous donations from our JS families each year allowed him to receive food, housing, education and medical attention. We were thrilled to meet Ajay in recent years and get to know him better. He is now a fine young man and is so thankful for our support. We will continue to pray for him and wish him all the best in his goal of becoming a Police Officer.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new sponsor child named Sneha (pronounced Snay-ha). Sneha is 5 years old. She lives with her mum, dad and brother in Amalapurum, India. This is the same town that our Sister School is in so staff and students will have the opportunity to visit her each year.
Sneha’s parents cannot afford to send her to school, so it is with joy that we, as a Junior School, will be collecting money each Tuesday to send to her. Please send in some loose change each Tuesday as it will make an incredible difference to her life. Our Senior School students are currently in India and will have the opportunity to meet Sneha. We have a sent over a care package to bless her with. We will pray for Sneha regularly here at school and ask that you as a family will also support her in this way.

Learning Zone of the Week - Kindergarten

Kindergarten have “bean” growing in Term 3!

Jack, from Jack and the Beanstalk, seemed to have it all… well at least until he wanted to go back to the land of giants to return what he had stolen but couldn’t.

What Jack needed was a new beanstalk, but he was out of magic beans. Our Kindergarten students took it upon themselves this term to see if we could figure out how to grow beans and help Jack.

The investigation we undertook was to determine whether mung beans grow best in light or dark places. There were some excellent predictions made, fantastic observations recorded and our investigations resulted in the students discovering the conditions the beans preferred. The only problem is that Kindergarten are pretty certain these bean stalks won’t be helping Jack get back to the land of the giants any time soon.

This term Kindergarten have also been growing their faith in God at the same time as growing in their learning. One way we have been doing this is by singing the song “Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed”. This song reminds us to put our trust in Jesus and the power of God through prayer! The students were so excited to perform this song at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly and did an outstanding job.

We are looking forward to all the learning experiences and growing Kindergarten have left before the end of the year!

Mrs Hughes, Mrs Knott and Mr Macintyre
Kindergarten Teachers
Middle School

Term 3, Done and Dusted!
Well, it’s been another jam-packed term in Middle School. We’ve had visiting Korean Students, Chicks and Hens Night, Medieval Knights, Jousting Tournaments, 40 Hour Famine, SRC Leadership workshops, Middle School Madness, Cambodia fundraisers, Powerhouse Museum Excursions, Paper Planes Challenge, Spring Fair, Theatre Sports, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and on Wednesday we had thirty-one Year 8 Students head off to Cambodia on a Service Trip and that is just the extra-curricular events! On top of this, we have had 344 students working very hard day in and day out. It makes me tired just thinking about it….

Over this holiday break my prayer is that you and your children find a safe, restful and relaxing time. As always, let them sleep, eat and rest those active little brains. Limit their technology, hold them responsible to their chores and we’ll see them all back here in a couple of weeks.

Mr Scott Logan
Head of Middle School

Beyond Awards
We have continued to be able to recognise our amazing students with Beyond Awards this term. These are presented to students who have been nominated for going beyond what is expected of them. This may be to their friendships, supporting others, extra curricula activities or their studies.

Tom Page for putting others first.
Emilie McMichael for always being positive and putting her hand up to do anything.
Ella Freeman for being so encouraging to her friends and team-mates in Netball.
Ella Freeman for doing extra activities in Maths.
Maddi Zouein for being a really good friend.
Boston Browne for being polite and courteous.
Thomas Brum for going out of his way to be helpful.
Middle School

Middle School Madness
Our very first MS Madness was an absolute success. It was an afternoon of fun, hosted by some of our Year 8 IMPACT students and was an opportunity for them to serve their peers, but also double as a fundraiser for our Service Learning Trip in Cambodia. 31 Year 8 students are currently in Cambodia, and a major focus of this trip is our visit to the Wat Preah Yesu School and Orphanage to commence six days of service. This is a great opportunity for us to bless this community.

Each year we gift them with something to ensure that our blessing lasts longer than our visit. This year they have requested Bibles and tents for their outdoor education program. To help fund these, we have run a number of student-led fundraising initiatives.

Our MS Madness was something that the group of Year 8 students had been planning all term. Students in MS got to wear out of uniform for the day and at lunch could buy a sausage sandwich, drink or ice cream spiders. After lunch was when the Madness began. The students registered for an activity that was run purely by our Year 8 students. Activities included touch football, soccer, art, dancing, cookie decorations, obstacle course, handball, table tennis, drama games, movies, computer games and Science.

The afternoon was fabulous and it was so great to see our Year 8 students really step up and lead the way across our sub school. In total we raised $1044 for the Orphanage, bringing our three fundraising event total (chocolate raffle and sausage lunch) to $2,110, which will be sure to bless the Wat Preah Yesu School and Orphanage.

A big thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful cause and we can’t wait to share stories from our trip when we return.

Chick & Hens
It is one of the highlights of the year. A night full of fun for the Girls in Middle School. They are also invited to bring a significant female role-model in their life e.g. Mum, Sister, Grandma, Aunty, Cousin etc.

The night started with a battle of Chicks vs Hens. We played Minute to Win It games, Pictionary and ate donuts and for the third year in a row, the HENS were victorious. We then shared some dinner and heard from an amazing speaker, who spoke about ways that we can encourage each other, and the importance of doing so. The highlight of everyone’s night was learning how to do head and shoulder massages (Thanks, Mrs Cochrane). We finished the night off with some dancing, writing encouraging notes to one and other and a photo booth.

A big thank you to our five Middle School Girl Leaders (Shyla, Gabby, Krystal, Kira and Allika) who did a great job hosting the night. And to Miss Hopkins, Miss Watson, Mrs Cochrane, Miss Soper and Mrs Foster who helped organise it all.

Next year, we are going to call Chicks & Hens ‘Ladies Night,’ so make sure you keep an eye out that.
Year 5 Fizzics Day

The Fizzics Day was out of this world. Literally we had things that demonstrated the gravity of Mars. During the day we had an incursion where we saw some cool science things like tiles from shuttles that went to space, solar eclipse glasses and sound satellites. In the evening, we learnt how to use telescopes. It is actually trickier than you think. It was such a fun day.

By Lauren Pond

My favourite part of the Fizzics was setting up and using the telescopes. Even though it was time consuming and it was so great to search for things in our world. I found the longer you use the telescopes the more you adapt. I can’t wait to use telescopes more.

By Isaiah Houston

Year 5 Powerhouse

On Thursday we went to the Powerhouse museum. It was so good. The best part was the anti-gravity room. We called it the trippy room as it made it seem like there was no gravity which made us feel dizzy. I also enjoyed learning about the Mars rovers and seeing them in action.

By Sami Al-Sehely

I liked the hands on room, called “Experimentations”. In this exhibit we got to power a car and sit in a real electric chair. It has been the best time ever and I really want to visit again soon.

By Billy Lynch

On Thursday Year 5 went to the Powerhouse museum in Sydney. I loved the excursion from every little detail to the big exciting artefacts. For example, a real steam train, the big grand piano and of course the anti-gravity room. It was a great day.

By Maddison Provost

Theatre Sports

Last Thursday night, we held our first ever Theatre Sports Competition and after watching over 40 students and teachers perform to a packed E2 Hall, I think we can call the night a success.

Congratulations to Middle School for taking out the first ever SPCCC Theatre Sports Championships. They fearlessly stepped up and performed well beyond their years!

Also, a big congratulations to all students involved and those who won medals. Well done!

Thank you to Mr Cox, Mr Telfer, Mrs Pond, Mr Hamilton and Mrs Matheson for assisting with judging and scoring – your support of Creative Arts is always appreciated and your hats were outstanding! Thanks to our performing teachers who were hilarious – Mrs Murray, Mr Hughes, Mr Foster, Mr Ebert, Mr Hayward, Mr Clanfield and Mrs Cochrane.

I am pumped about the future of Drama and Creative Arts at this school. The Theatre Sports night was a little glimpse into how the culture is building and this is very exciting!

Mr Andrew Hall
Drama Teacher
Farewells and New Horizons

This past week we, have both farewelled our Year 12 class of 2017 and waved goodbye to our India Service Trip students. With both of these events there are many emotions for both parents and staff.

For our Year 12 students, there is pride in what they have achieved and excitement for what they are now ready to go on to achieve beyond school. As a College we strive to build the values in our students that will, ultimately, enable them to make quality choices for their own lives and strong contributions for the communities they live in. As I reflect on our Year 12 class I feel confident they are well prepared to go ‘to infinity and beyond’ in their lives.

Our India Service Team are embarking on a journey that will positively impact the children and staff of Paramjyoti School (our sister school in India) in ways that are hugely transformative. But in equal proportion, our students will be transformed by the experience of serving and of experiencing a culture so dramatically different from their own.

As Head of Senior School, I am so immensely proud of the decisions students are making to live impactful lives. I look forward to sharing more on our adventures in India once we return for Term 4.

I wish all students and families a wonderful term break and look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of Term 4.

Mr Brendon Guest
Head of Senior School
Year 12 Last Days
On Monday 18th September, Year 12 arrived for their last day as students at St Philip's Christian College – Cessnock. Students were so eager to make the most of their last full day that a lot of them arrived extra early, to get the best parking spots, to redecorate rooms and greet students as they arrived. The school day started by spending time with their Junior School Prayer Pal class, where their adoring fans prayed for them and wished them well in exams. We then gathered as a year group and spent some time reflecting on the year and thinking about life beyond school. After morning tea, we met Mr John Sharples who is the HSC supervisor and point person for Year 12 during their exams. Then the whole school came together to farewell Year 12; Kindy performed a little song, Year 3 showcased their dancing skills, Year 6 wooed us with their poetic words, and Year 11 gave a moving speech. The whole assembly was mc’d by Woody & Buzz as they reminded the students of our theme this year… To Infinity & Beyond! Lunch was spent getting to know their anonymous Year 6 letter writers, who delivered their final letter face to face. Students then stretched and warmed up for the annual staff versus student game. Dodgeball was the game of choice and everyone lived to tell the tale! The afternoon was then spent jumping or sliding around in the beautiful sunny weather. The time came all too quickly for Year 12 to empty their lockers for the last time, hand-over their lock and make their way to their expertly parked cars and drive into life beyond school.

On Tuesday 19th September, all of Senior School along with families and friends of Year 12 gathered at the Crowne Plaza to honour Year 12 as they graduated. It was great to see so many friends and family arrive to congratulate Year 12 on this momentous occasion. Representatives from Junior School and Middle School prayed and read from God’s word to encourage Year 12 to trust God in this exciting time, draw their inner strength from him, live full lives and to dream big! Our three long time students, Maddison Lamb, Jasmine Burston and Madison Murphy spoke on their journey at St Philip’s Christian College and the enormous change and growth they have witnessed during their years at school. A musical item from our Year 12 music class got everyone clapping along to the theme song from ‘Friends’ and Casey Staples wowed everyone with her outstanding Extension 2 music performance on the Flute. Our College Captains, Laura Rumbel & Sam Holz spoke on behalf of Year 12 and thanked staff & students for making their time at St Philip’s memorable, and helping them to make sense of this Rubik’s Cube mess that life can sometimes feel like. Mr Cox then spoke words of life and love into Year 12 encouraging them to envision their future, a future beyond their wildest dreams. A beautifully put together audio visual was then presented, highlighting every student by comparing their Kindy photo to now, as well as sharing moments captured during their time together at St Philip’s. A special shout out to Blake Gontier who spent a lot of hours putting it together. Students were then invited to take the stage and receive their certificate of graduation. Mr Guest then encouraged all students to look at life through a positive lens and asked the College Captains to lead Year 12 down the centre aisle so everyone could acknowledge them as they officially completed school life! Students, families and friends then enjoyed a yummy morning tea together.

Year 12 – it was an honour to share in this day with you! We are so proud of you and wish you all the very best in your HSC exams.

Mrs Esther Cox
Year 12 Stage Leader
Quotes from Year 12 Students

“The best part of Monday was that everyone got involved and the activities we did were helping reduce stress. My favourite thing about Graduation was reflecting on all the memories that we have made as a year group and having everyone find out about Mr Guest’s and Mr Cox’s office being ‘decorated’ in paper! The thing I will miss the most about SPCCC are the teachers, my friends and the ability to make memories!”

Brody Koitka

“My favourite part of Monday was seeing my prayer pals and just spending time together as a year group. The best part of Graduation was performing for the last time as a student. The thing I will miss most about SPCC will be the endless love and support from all of the teachers and students, seeing my friends everyday and Mrs Van Vorst greeting me with a smile when I arrived late to school.”

Casey Staples

“The best part of Monday for me was playing dodgeball, students vs teachers. My favorite part of graduation was Mr Cox’s speech and the photo presentation. The speech was so inspirational and encouraged me to dream big and achieve my vision. The photo presentation was just awesome to watch so many memories surrounding the captured photo of the moment. The thing I’ll miss about SPCC the most is definitely the teachers and the school community environment. The teachers are so encouraging and caring and they’ll be highly missed, as well as the whole schools community. Its positivity and connection with younger peers really made an impact on my experience at SPCC and its going to be hard to leave such an amazing school.”

Lauren Graves

“My favourite part about Monday was the moment when everything went from being completely surreal to completely real. I realised what was actually happening and I was taken aback by the thought that I was graduating. The performance was my favourite part of graduation, I messed up a little but it was my last school performance and one that I will remember. I’m gonna miss seeing my friends everyday and messing around with them. I’m also going to miss a lot of the love I received from the teachers, they may not know it but it’s all requited.”

William Thatcher
Senior School

‘We have this hope as an anchor for our soul, firm and secure’

SES Cadet Program
In the last week of Term 3, 17 students from Year 9 and 10 participated in the SES Cadet Program. This program will take place at our school every two years from now on, so that every student will have an opportunity to apply once while in Senior School. For five days the cadets learnt about the role of the SES in floods, storms and tsunamis (!), undertook teamwork activities, visited the Cessnock Fire Station and Maitland SES Unit, and spent a day on the Hunter River in Morpeth performing rescue operations and experiencing the SES floodboats.

It was a fantastic program and we are very grateful for the SES Volunteers who gave up their time to facilitate this extremely worthwhile program.

Engineering Talk
Careers research across NSW has identified that students often seem only to perceive those occupations that direct family members have, or that they’ve experienced personally during school years and they arrive in Year 12 with insufficient idea of the career options available. This is something we are working to remedy at SPCC and we have some exciting plans in development.

In the meantime I have been speaking to recruiters from a variety of companies about what they are looking for in applicants. Recruiters from Google, PWC (formerly Price Waterhouse Coopers) and Lendlease that I met with recently all commented on how valuable engineering graduates are for any role due to their problem solving skills and analytical reasoning.

In Week 8 we were fortunate enough to have a representative from the University of Newcastle’s Engineering Department come to speak to our senior school students about jobs of the future and the exciting engineering programs available at our closest university. It was very interesting to hear about the increasing importance of robotics and automation in society and the new job opportunities opening up as a result.
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HRIS trials are a nomination process and you need to express your interest with Mr. Gardner so he can nominate you for HRIS trials. No nomination, no trial so be sure to email or go and see Mr Gardner if you would like to be considered to trial.

Principal’s Cup - Term 4 Touch Football

We will be playing Touch Football in Term 4 with boys and girls teams playing Bishop Tyrrell. We will have Year 5 and 6 teams playing in the Primary competition and Year 7 & 8 in the Secondary competition.

House Sports

Lunch time sporting competitions:

Our lunchtime house sport competition for Term 4 will be Touch Football

**PRIMARY COMPETITION** – Wednesday lunch
Touch games will be played on Founders Field.

**SECONDARY COMPETITION** – Thursday lunch
Touch games will be played on Founders Field.

To be involved please see your house captains so they can add you to the team.

**TERM 4 FIXTURES:**

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For all your lunchtime sporting detail see your house captains or the sports noticeboard outside of the S1 PE staffroom.
From our House Captains

We are very excited to be playing Touch Football for the lunchtime house sporting competition. We will be playing Primary games on Wednesday at lunch and Secondary games on Thursday at lunch. Everyone is welcome to play so please come and see us so that we can put you into our team.

Your House Captains

7-10 Weekly Sport

Term 4 Sport will begin in Week 1

Students are required to return their permission notes to be able to go off-site for sport. Money is now due for paid sports. If students have not selected a sport they will be placed into a sport that has spots available. Please contact Miss Balcombe to sort out your sport option ASAP.

Sporting Results

CIS ATHLETICS

Primary Carnival
Jayden Gontier (Year 5) 11 years
- 2nd Boys Shot Put – 11.81m

Maddi Zouein (Year 6) 11 years
- 13th Girls High jump (1.20m)
- 12th Girls 100m (14.63)

Lana Kearney (Year 4) 10 years
- 8th Girls 800m (3:00.80)
- Taj Little (Year 3) 100m
- 8th 100m (Time of 14.98)

Hamish Dengate (Year 6) 13 years
- 4th Boys 100m (18.14)

Secondary Carnival
Ben James (Year 11) 16 years Boys
- 1st Long Jump (NEW CIS Record – 6.70m)
- 2nd Triple Jump (12.75m)
- 4th Javelin (40.00m)
- 6th High Jump (1.85m)

Riley Saxby (Year 8) 14 years Boys
- 6th Long Jump

Mr Daniel Gardner
Head of Sport
It is time to purchase your child’s summer uniform items for Term 4 - School resumes Monday, 9th October.

September Holidays
For your convenience, the uniform shop will open during the September school holidays on Tuesday, 3rd October: 1pm-4pm.

Summer Uniform Requirements
JS Boys: Khaki shorts, khaki shirt with logo, school/custom khaki socks, green hat
JS Girls: Summer Dress, white ankle socks, dress hat
MS Boys: Overshirt with logo, grey shorts, school/custom grey socks
MS Girls: Overblouse with logo, olive, tartan skirt, white ankle socks, dress hat
SS Boys: Overshirt with logo, grey shorts, school/custom grey socks
SS Girls: Overblouse with logo, grey skirt, white ankle socks, dress hat

All JS: Green hat.
All MS and SS: Black cap

Volunteers
As we approach a very busy time in the uniform shop (Nov – Feb) we would like to open the shop for as many hours as we can to avoid line-ups. This will be determined by any help we receive from volunteers so if you can spare 3 hours per week (or know someone that can, perhaps a relative, grandmother etc) or can help during the school holidays then please email me asap. Thanks.*

September Shoe Sale
It was great to see lots of parents looking after their child’s feet (updating their worn out shoes) and taking advantage of our shoe sale during the past weeks. We continue to get positive feedback on this range and they are available from the uniform shop all year round. Some customers are coming back for their 2nd pair! Roc are an Aussie owned company, all shoes have leather uppers and the multi-fit system is a real advantage! More sales on shoes will come, so keep an eye on the newsletter!

Prices
Please be advised that there will be a price rise on some of our uniform items due to an increase on costs from suppliers and freight companies. These will be effective from October 10th, 2017.

Ordering Online
The new SPCC website does not have the capacity for online ordering to the shops. We are currently planning a webstore for your convenience. Until this is up and running, please place your orders by phoning the shop during opening hours on 40075025 or emailing shop.cessnock@spcc.nsw.edu.au. We appreciate your patience with this changeover.

All orders during the holidays will be processed on 3/10/17 so please be available by phone for payment and collection arrangements.

Second-hand
It is not too early to think about items needed for Term 4/summer uniform and there is quite a lot in the 2nd-hand area ready for purchase. Also added recently is some sportswear items – these come and go very quickly so visit soon and grab a bargain! A huge thankyou to those families who are supporting the school and helping other school families by dropping in uniform items to be sold via the shop or making a donation to our welfare boxes. This is a hassle free way to get rid of the items you no longer need and we have lots of parents browsing through the racks and shelves each week. Consignment forms available at the shop or by downloading from the SPCC webpage/”uniform shop” tab. Alternatively, you can make a sign and place it on the pin-board outside the shop. When purchasing or selling second-hand items from any of the four SPCC uniform shops you can be assured that you are purchasing good quality and correct uniform items as our processors follow the SPCC Second-Hand Policy and this ensures that standard of uniform at St Philip’s remains high.

Wishing all our families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Any questions or concerns regarding uniform items, please see Mel in the shop or email me at Alison.gill@spcc.nsw.edu.au.

* If emailing me, please mention which campus you are at.

Alison Gill
Area Manager – SPCC Uniform Shops
THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Shane from Metal Mates who donated more than $450 worth of equipment to our College! Sam Holz received the very generous gift of the beginners Welding Pack and gift certificate for his HSC Design and Technology Major Project.

Metal Mates are the steel supplier for our College and we are so thankful for their partnership and generosity.

Please click HERE to be directed to our website to view the 2017 Business Directory!

The St Philip’s Christian College Business Directory is a great way for the school community to get involved and support one another.

If you would like to advertise in our Business Directory please email Keira Mason at Keira.Mason@spcc.nsw.edu.au

2017 DRAGSER COMPETITION
Community Notices

Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

Are you ready to Go4Fun?

Go4Fun® is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight, and their families. Programs run during school term and are led by trained, qualified health professionals.

Learn tips for a healthier life - all for FREE!

Testimonials

“My daughter Kalyn did this program last term and I would recommend it to everyone. It has really changed her life. All I can say is I am so thankful for the Go4Fun program. It really is an excellent program for the kids and in parents.”

- Chelsea Kellet, Go4Fun mum

“My love, love, love (+1,000) this program.”

- Go4Fun child

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE GO4FUN® PROGRAM?
The program consists of 10 sessions, delivered once a week for 2 hours. Highlights include:

• Fun games and activities for children.
• Interactive discussions to support your family to make healthier lifestyle choices.
• Practical demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes – including a supermarket tour.

WHO CAN JOIN GO4FUN?
• Children aged 7 to 13 years who are above a healthy weight.
• A parent or carer must be available to attend each session.

NOT SURE IF YOUR CHILD IS ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT?
• Speak to your healthcare provider to check if your child's weight status.
• Alternatively, you can call 1800 760 900 to see if your child is above a healthy weight.

WHY JOIN GO4FUN?
• Get expert advice on healthy eating.
• Get active playing fun games.
• Make new friends.
• Build confidence.
• Make changes as a family.
• Support on-going setting to achieve change.
• All for FREE!

BRANXTON RODEO
Incorporating the East Coast Junior Rodeo Championships and Presentation

McMullins Rd, Branxton
SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017
9AM – 8PM
Great Day for the whole family
Stalls, Food, Bar, Jumping Castles

Saddle Bronc, Bareback, Bull Ride
Pete Thomas Memorial Steer Wrestling
Rope & Tie, Team Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Undecorating,
Breakaway Roping & Steer Riding

Find us on Facebook @ BranxtonRodeo
New Vine Vineyards is a new church and we would love you to join with us as we support each other and our community with God's love and grace.

We meet on Saturday evenings, 6pm, at St Philip's Christian College Cessnock.

For more information call Amanda on 0408 173 510 | https://www.facebook.com/newvievineyards/
SHOES!

AVAILABLE AT OUR ST PHILIP’S UNIFORM SHOP

**Everyday Shoes**

**5 styles:**
- Dakota
- Larrikin
- Strobe
- Kick
- Aero

“These lace-up, formal shoes offer safe and full-foot protection, can be polished, and are in accordance with the school uniform policy.”

**Sport Shoes**

**2 styles:**
- Atlanta
- Houston

“These sport shoes are supportive, all black, offer full-foot protection, and are in accordance with the school uniform policy.”

**Roc brand shoes are an Aussie owned company.**