Our Lady of Sion College Newsletter

2019 College Theme: Welcoming Each Other

From the Acting Principal – Christine Kralj

Last week was Refugee Week and its aim to, 'create a better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration', is a wonderful parallel to our own College theme – *Welcoming each other*.

As a Sionian school, we are called, not only to know others, but to seek out those who may not be readily accepted and offer them understanding, support, compassion and inclusion. Mere tolerance is not sufficient.

This emphasis finds its roots in the understanding that the Jewish people themselves had been foreigners and immigrants over many years and that Scripture reminds us that God's revelation, most often, comes to us through the stranger and what is foreign to us.

Believing this, it is important that as a Catholic community we strive to raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees with our students. By *Welcoming each other*, students are asked to better understand aspects of the refugee experience.

Over the last fortnight, our students have visited the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA), collected food for the Refugee Centre, and called in on residents of the Blue Cross Aged Care facility.

There is also plenty of planning going on in preparation for our annual Winter Sleep Out next term, in support of St Vincent De Paul.

Please encourage your daughter to actively support or engage in these outreach activities, and remind her that if she only reaches out to those who feel that they don't quite fit in, in the classroom, sports club or a group of friends, she is still welcoming a 'stranger', which is at the very heart of Jesus' message.

Important Dates

Week B

Monday 15 July

Term 3 begins

Year 10 Work Experience

Tuesday 16 July

Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 17 July

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10, 2020, Subject Selection Information Evening LHC @ 7.00 pm

Thursday 18 July

Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 19 July

Year 10 Work Experience

Winter Sleepout

Week A

Monday 22 July

Carmel Feast Day

Parents Association meeting

Tuesday 23 July

Year 7 Retreat

Wednesday 24 July

Year 8 Medieval Day

Indigenous Immersion Information Evening @ 7.00 pm

Friday 26 July

College Talk & Tour @ 9.30 am

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It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge that Dana Van Der Horst, 9 Blue, 1st/8th Blackburn Scout Troop, has earned the Australian Scout Medallion. This is no mean feat, as Dana needed to apply herself across a number of initiatives. In doing so, she has obtained the top scouting award in this section and demonstrated great leadership, self-discipline and teamwork.

We are now halfway through the year and, as a learning community, we can be justifiably proud of the work that staff and students have put into the past few weeks as we undertook end-of-semester assessments, SACs and exams.

While our Semester 1 reports give parents and guardians a summative statement of what their daughter has achieved over the semester, I encourage both students and parents to read the feedback that has accompanied each task on SEQTA and for students to take on the advice given as a way to achieve future improvements.

As we head into what appears to be a chilly winter holiday, I wish everyone in the Our Lady of Sion College Community a happy and restful break, and that you return to us safely next term.

Christine Kralj
Acting College Principal

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE
VERITAS IN CARITATE

Talk and Tour mornings prior to close of enrolments:

Friday 26 July, 9.30 am
Monday 5 August, 9.30 am

Applications for Year 7, 2021, are closing on 23 August 2019

Application forms are available on our website for download or you can contact our Registrar:

Ms Robyn McCann
9890 9097 or registrar@sion.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming your family to our College.

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Deputy Principal

Anna Gionfriddo Acting Deputy Principal – Faith and Mission

On Tuesday, the Year 12 students held a special prayer service in the chapel to celebrate the conclusion of Semester 1. This time together allowed the students to contemplate, pray and reflect on how they have grown as a year level since their retreat held in February.

Each of the homeroom groups were involved in the preparation and presentation of different elements of the prayer service. The chapel, decorated by students from 12 Red, gave all present a real sense on how our College theme, *Welcoming each other*, has been lived out, through the words and phrases they wrote and displayed:

- *show respect*
- *embrace*
- *encourage dialogue*
- *show compassion.*

To commence the prayer service, students from 12 Silver led a very touching and meaningful acknowledgment of the land, where we prayed for peace and justice for all. They then went on to highlight that as leaders of the College, it was their responsibility to ensure that the younger students feel that they are a part of the College community.

Prayers shared from members of 12 Purple and 12 White gave thanks for all that they have achieved in Semester 1 and for the support given to them along the way. The students asked God to be with them during Semester 2, helping them to face challenges together as one.

The Scripture passages, Leviticus 19: 33–34 and Matthew 25: 35–40, read by students from 12 Blue, had clear messages about *Welcoming each other* through the relationships we should have with one another including the stranger and the marginalised. The gospel reflection, in the form of a role play, highlighted the difference we can truly make through our words and actions.

Students from 12 Gold reflected on four major events that the Year 12s participated in during Semester 1: Retreat, Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and the Year 12 Mentors' Breakfast. Using the cornerstones of Togetherness, Acceptance, Involvement, Growth, Friendship, Community and Struggles, the students described how, as a year level, these events allowed them to form stronger relationships to embrace opportunities for growth and create wonderful memories. The photos of these events were certainly received with much happiness.

To conclude, the students were asked to reflect and pray on how they will continue to nurture relationships with others as they journey through Semester 2. They wrote down their reflections in the prayer journals presented to them at their retreat.

It was a beautiful celebration for the Year 12s to share with their teachers and with one another.

As Term 2 comes to an end, we wish all students and their families a very happy and safe term break. May God watch over all in our Sion community.

In Remembrance

Our particular thoughts and prayers go to Bridget (12 Gold), Charlotte (11 Purple) and Jessica (10 Silver) McKinley whose grandfather passed away recently.

We remember Bridget, Charlotte and Jessica and their family in a special way at this sad time.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching – Michelle Rangelov

It has been a busy fortnight with the conclusion of examinations and assessments for Semester 1. As you are aware, we have continued to learn about SEQTA, releasing assessment tasks, results and comments throughout the semester. As part of our implementation, Semester 1 Academic Reports will be released in SEQTA.

This week we held the VCE and VCAL 2020 Subject Selection Evening. This event included the opportunity for parents and students to speak to Notre Dame teachers and university representatives all in the same place. I hope that the evening was informative and has initiated lots of reflection and dialogue.

The *VCE and VCAL 2020 Curriculum Handbook* is now available on the College website, giving students more than five weeks to reflect, consider and decide on their subject preferences for 2020, which are due on Friday 2 August.

Upcoming Key Dates for Subject Selection 2020

- Wednesday 17 July – Year 10, 2020, Subject Selection Evening, 7.00 pm
- Friday 19 July, Period 4 – Year 10, 2020, subject seminar (students only)
- Tuesday 23 July, Period 4:
  - Year 9, 2020, subject seminar (students only)
  - Year 12, 2020, student interviews (students only)
- Thursday 25 July, Period 4 – Year 12, 2020, student interviews (students only)
- Friday 26 July – Unit 1–4 applications to accelerate close
- Tuesday 30 July – Year 11, 2020, student and parent interviews
- Wednesday 31 July – Year 11, 2020, student and parent interviews

I would like to wish students and their families a relaxing break and hope that the term break offers many opportunities to enjoy time together.

Do you have a daughter currently in Year 5?

Applications for Year 7, 2021, are now being accepted.

Families already enrolled at the College still need to submit an Application for Enrolment Form for each additional child wishing to attend Our Lady of Sion. If you have a daughter in Year 5, please ensure you submit her application for enrolment by Friday 23 August 2019.

For all enquiries, please contact Ms Robyn McCann, College Registrar, on 9890 9097 or registrar@sion.catholic.edu.au.

Year 12 – Adam Rieusset

Is it time for a break? I think if we are being honest, our Year 12 cohort would collectively say ***yes***!

The final few weeks of this term have been very busy, with the conclusion of Semester 1 and commencement of Semester 2, symbolising the commencement of the final semester of secondary education for our students and only 127 days until the commencement of end-of-year exams.

So, let's chat about the term break.

It is really important that all families have a break. Spend time with each other away from the normal hustle and bustle of school.

If you are able to, get away, even if it's only for a few days; go out for breakfast, a special lunch or maybe a movie. The important element is that you as a family create a space that allows memories and bonds to be fostered.

This term break will be the last 'real' break that you as a family get within the Year 12 journey (until the end of the October–November exam period) so take the time to enjoy and recharge.

To help support the students with their studies over the break, ensure that:

- sleep is a priority, as is exercise and good food
- students use the normal structure of the day to help guide study sessions and only study during normal school hours 8.30 am – 3.15 pm
- you can create a comfortable space at home that allows productive study (minimise interruptions), and if that can't happen, suggest the local library as a good study space
- phones are out of reach while studying.

Over the break, you might like to explore the following conversation starters over the dinner table, to further explore or rekindle thoughts and aspirations:

- Mindfulness at Mealtimes
- How to Motivate Kids to Practice Hard Things.

And with our ever-changing and challenging digital technological space, it is important to keep things in perspective. Our young people have grown up with devices, so the important thing is to help our students to understand the place that technology plays in their lives. The temptation over the term break is for their daily usage to increase, therefore delaying sleep and decrease productivity.

- Healthy Teen Screen Use at Night

On behalf of the Year 12 pastoral team, I would like to wish all Year 12 community members a restful and well-deserved term break and we look forward to walking and working with you and your family during Term 3.

Year 11 – Lauren Amalfi

I wish all families and students a safe and relaxing holiday break. Please encourage your daughter to take this time to wind down, reflect on Semester 1 and prepare for the next. It was a pleasure working with all students over the last two terms, and I look forward to a wonderful second half of the year.

Formal Information

Links have been sent to students for parents and guardians to access a Google form to complete required information for students and guests to attend the Year 11 formal, as well as a link to purchase tickets.

Students have also been given a printed consent form to be signed by both parents or guardians of students. Please ensure these are completed by the end of Week 1, Term 3.

Year 10 – Paul Kerr

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the cohort on their exemplary approach to the examination period. The week-long process ran very smoothly, which is a direct result of the students' attitude to do their best. Semester 2 is underway, with students moving to new electives and – in many cases – new classes. During our pastoral session this week, the homerooms undertook a review of examination results, including what worked well and what needs to be improved on. We will refer to this before the next examination period, beginning on 11 November.

This semester has been incredibly busy, with a range of activities including our Peer Mentoring program *Big Sister, Little Sister*; the Year 10 camp; the Shoah Memorial service; our retreat; and the social, hosted by Whitefriars College.

This week we presented 64 students with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award certificate and badge.

Second semester is once again very busy, beginning with Work Experience, the subject selection program, ballroom dancing, the gift-giving program with Ozanam House, and a second opportunity to practice examination techniques.

Work Experience

I would like to wish the students well as they embark on work experience in the first week of Term 3. A staff member from the College will be visiting all student placements generally between Tuesday and Thursday that week.

I would like to thank the many parents and guardians for their partnership and support in Semester 1 and look forward to working with you in Semester 2.

Year 9 – Leanne Anderson

Year 7 – 10 Learning Discovery Leader Laura Geilings

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As Term 2 draws to a close, I thought this would be a good time to let you know what the Year 9s will have coming up next semester. Last week, we launched the *Significant People, Significant Lives* unit to the Year 9 students.

In this unit, the students are to choose a significant person in the community to research. They will conduct interviews with that person over the break, in readiness for writing a biography about that person early next term.

Students have constructed their interview questions and have been asked to have their interviews completed by the time they return for Term 3. We have also told the students that the holidays are a great time to undertake their Duke of Edinburgh hours and follow up on any incomplete forms. It is great to see lots of them working really hard to achieve their goals and with such a busy Semester 1, the girls are to be congratulated for making such a great transition into Ayin and for working so hard on all the units.

What's Happening in the Classroom?

This week's literacy strategy for the Literacy Collective, which was shared with staff, was about paraphrasing (see example below). The strategy is designed to help students break down the text into smaller chunks, so that they can comprehend different parts of that text. The strategy is particular useful for students who struggle to read and comprehend a text, or part of a text.

Paraphrasing

Example:

The Text	The people of Italy were also the inheritors of the skills of the old Roman Empire			
Topic	This is about how people lived in old Rome			
Part	The people of Italy	were also the inheritors	of the skills	of the Old Roman Empire
Synonym	The Italians	as well were given	the abilities	in early Rome
	Those living in Italy	got what	the inhabitants of old Rome had	
Link	The Italians as well were given the abilities people had in early Rome.			
	Those living in Italy could do what the inhabitants of the old Roman Empire used to do.			

Year 8 – Jordyn Frood

The Year 8s have been busy planning and arranging events for the last week of term for our One Girl initiative. This year, students have taken this social justice project to the next level with their enthusiasm, commitment and generosity towards justice for others.

The One Girl foundation helps to support and educate young girls in Sierra Leone and Uganda. The Year 8s had a speaker from One Girl Foundation come and share the stories of the girls whose lives have been changed by the work and support of the One Girl organisation.

After this talk, the Year 8s were inspired to spread the word of One Girl to the Sion community and try to raise some funds to help educate other girls.

Some of the activities and initiatives that have been run this term are:

- Crazy Sock day
- Rent-a-chair day
- Rent-an-iPad day
- a talent show
- a bake sale
- a carnival (games, arts and crafts, movie and hair braiding, karaoke and Just Dance, bake sale and the reveal of our winner for the raffle).

Our final event was the newspaper fashion show for homeroom teachers, supporting the *Do it in a 'Newspaper' Dress* initiative.

A special mention goes to the Brancatella Family who donated the items for the hamper in the raffle!

Well done to those Year 8s who have participated in this project and I will announce the final amount raised in the first newsletter back next term!

Year 7 – Michelle Arnold

Semester 1 has been busy for the Year 7s, who have achieved so much in such a short time. Here are some students' reflections on their time at Sion so far:

Wow! Semester 1 sure was fantastic! During this semester, we were able to achieve so many things. The first semester was full of amazing experiences and lots of learning. One of our favourite parts was camp. It was very exciting and challenging but it taught us many things, teamwork, pushing ourselves to the fullest potential and not to be scared of disgusting camp food. Camp was an experience we will never forget.

Some other awesome things that we did this semester were the Athletics Carnival and the Swimming Carnival. Everyone had lots of fun, Carmel won the swimming (as they're the best) and Fatima won the athletics. We also contributed to the Year 7 social justice project: Operation Toilets*, a program that raises money to buy toilets for schools in India.*

Overall, this semester was fun and exciting, with lots of joy and laughter, which helped us to learn a lot about each other and the world around us.

Hannah Alderton and Charissa Chen, 7 White

This semester at Sion has been so fun and exciting. At the start of Term 1 I was feeling nervous for all the homework that would come and how to get around the school, but I was also excited to meet new girls and have fun. Camp was a blast and I definitely met new people on camp and had so much fun at the activities and enjoyed doing the mud run. Term 2 has been relaxing but fun at the same time, homeroom swap has helped and encouraged me to meet new girls in different homerooms. I can't wait for next semester and the new adventures to come.

Melanie Adama, 7 Gold

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do and liking how you do it.

Maya Angelou (American Writer)

Careers – Brooke O'Hara

Students and families can find the fortnightly Careers newsletter at www.olsccareers.com/?page=newsletter.

In this fortnight's newsletter there is information relating to:

- Career in the Spotlight – Firefighter
- Upcoming Events – Richmond Institute of Sports Open Day, Occupational Therapy as a Career night, teaching information sessions, Year 10 Discovery Day
- Things to Consider – Deakin Health Course information sessions
- Research ideas – 2022 (Year 10) VCE Planner, 2019 Tertiary Open Days.

Languages – Gail Amato

Alliance Française Poetry Recitation Competition

Earlier this year, our French students from Years 9 and 10 participated in the *Alliance Française* Poetry Recitation Competition. The Languages department is very proud to announce some outstanding results achieved by the students.

To reach the finals in this statewide competition is an incredible achievement and we congratulate Jasmine Hunter, Grace Pineda, Sara Seresli, Isabella Shade and Christina Susilo, who will compete with other finalists from all around Victoria on Sunday 25 August. We wish them the very best of luck for the finals!

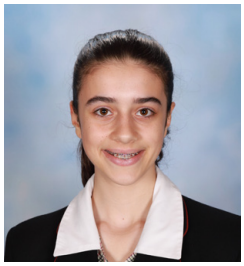
Congratulations also to the following students, who achieved a Distinction:

- Year 9 – Amy Barnett, Chelsea Lim and Charlotte Stout
- Year 10 – Jordan Berns, Hanna Gassmann, Chelsea Hubbard, Inez Vercauteren and Calista Vu.

We congratulate all of the students who participated and are very proud of all of their achievements. Thank you to Miss Merle and Miss Teicher who assisted the girls in their preparation.

Jasmine Hunter
9 Gold

Grace Pineda
10 White



Sara Seresli
10 White

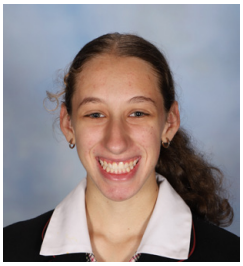
Isabella Shade
10 Blue

Christina Susilo
10 Red

Dante Alighieri Poetry Recitation Competition

Students of Italian from Years 10, 11, 12 and some from Year 9 participated in the *Dante Alighieri* Poetry Recitation Competition, which took place at the University of Melbourne on Friday 21 June. We congratulate the following finalists for their outstanding achievements and we wish them all the success when they compete with other finalists from other schools in Victoria on Thursday 18 July, as well as to those receiving High Distinctions and Disctinctions:

- Finalists:



Francesca Sammartino
10 Gold

Kiara Fonseka
11 Gold

Claire McManus
12 White

- High Distinctions:
  - Year 12 – Monica Di Deo, Jessica Fernando, Holly Horn and Victoria Iori
  - Year 11 – Sophie Ciardulli, Mary Fulton and Amanda Twaalfhoven
  - Year 10 – Olivia Chapman, Dominique Piccolo, Monique Pulvirenti and Melissa Rossetto
  - Year 9 – Jasmine Antoniou and Jasmine Farini.
- Distinctions:
  - Year 12 – Laura Acs, Arianna Battaglin, Karli Battistella, Isabella Curran, Alyssa Drago and Emily Pasquini
  - Year 9 – Mia Bourne, Caitlin Gorry and Alicia Pereira .

Thank you to Mr Wilkes and Miss Teicher for assisting their students in their preparation.

One of our finalists in the competition, Kiara Fonseka, has shared her reflection of the excursion with us:

After extensive preparation and practice, we travelled to the University of Melbourne to recite our poems in front of a judge, competing against hundreds of others students from around the state. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to experience the Italian language in a literary form, as well as to showcase our talents. After all students finished their recitation, we walked to Carlton and had some beautiful desserts from Brunetti's in Lygon Street. The cakes and gelato were absolutely delicious! We were also fortunate enough to attend COASIT to listen to a speech about Italian immigration and the current situation faced by the youth in Italy. To top off the day, we explored Lygon Street to immerse ourselves in the Italian culture and to appreciate the strong Italian influence in the suburb of Carlton.

Kiara Fonseka, 11 Gold.

Music – Martin Macaulay

Music Week

What a fantastic week of music-making this week, as we come to the end of Term 2. The girls participated in two Open Mic sessions, a House Music event (won by Fatima), a string Masterclass and clinic with Mr Gareth De Korte, the Singers' Soiree, a Music Kahoot session in the Miriam Theatre and, of course, the Ensembles Concert. Many thanks to Music Captain, Chelsea Elder, and all the Music representatives for their outstanding work and energy to get all these events up and running.

Ensembles Concert – Thursday 27 June

The 2019 edition of the Ensembles Concert was a smash hit, with almost 450 girls participating across the 18 ensembles that performed on the evening. Congratulations especially to the Year 7 ensembles (two Concert bands, Year 7 Choir and Year 7 Junior Strings) who experienced their first Ensembles Concert – hopefully the first of many!

I really enjoyed the concert, it was a great experience to show how much I've learnt on flute. I had so much fun and made friends with other flute players.

Abby Hilson 7 Purple

It was really awesome to perform and be a part of a band. I loved working with everyone, getting better at the violin, playing some great pieces and meeting new people. **Amy Coffey 7 Blue**

Our annual Ensembles Concert Evening was an amazing chance for our musicians to showcase their work, from our Year 7s having their debut onstage to our Year 12s finishing their last concert off with a bang! The music program at Sion is definitely one of the best families to be a part of, and it has been a privilege to work with such a diverse group of talented people.

Jessica Pon, 12 Gold

Great job everyone! I really enjoyed playing and listening to all the wonderful music!

Madeline Smith 7 Blue

I loved every minute of the Ensembles Concert. It was really cool to listen to all the different bands and appreciate all the hard work they put in to their pieces. I am really looking forward to another awesome concert next year.

Emma Gorry, 7 Gold

The Ensembles Concert was awesome thanks to all our musicians and the music staff. This event is always a great opportunity to allow everyone in our school who loves music to express their passions and that's definitely what we did. **Chelsea Lim, 9 Red**

The Ensembles Concert was such a great way for the whole music department to come together and share all the hard work that we have been putting in. It was the highlight of Music Week – a great way for the girls to be involved in music-making.

Chelsea Elder, 12 Silver

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 1 August – Intermediate Concert Band VSMF 9.00 am Hawthorn Town Hall
- Friday 16 August – Senior Jazz Ensemble VSMF 2.15pm Hawthorn Town Hall
- Monday 19 August – CVE Monash Youth Music Festival (Choral) 6.00 pm Monash University
- Tuesday 20 August – Senior Concert Band VSMF 2.15 pm Hawthorn Town Hall
- Friday 6 September – Senior Jazz Ensemble Jazz Night with 'Plan B Big Band', 8.00 pm Box Hill RSL

House Coordinator – Jaclyn Taylor

Overall Points

As Term 2 has concluded, the House Point tally is as follows:

Loreto – 1250
Carmel – 1200
Lourdes – 1075
Fatima – 1075

House Music

This Tuesday was our final House activity for the term, House Music. This was a new activity that was created by the House Captains. Students were given the start of the song and then had to finish the song with the correct lyrics.

Many thanks to Music Captain, Chelsea Elder, for her leadership in this competition and the other Music representatives who helped during the event. Also, a big thank you to all the competitors who had a go and to all the other students supporting in the crowd, it was a real hit.

House Music Results

1st Fatima
2nd Loreto
3rd Carmel
4th Lourdes

House Table Tennis

House Table Tennis was held last week in the LHC over three lunchtimes. Under the guidance of the House Captains, a great number of students participated in these quick-fire games.

Table Tennis Results

Junior Champions	Carmel
Intermediate Champions	Loreto
Senior Champions	Carmel

House Colours

Every year, students have the opportunity to achieve House Colours. The points commenced in Term 4, 2018, until Term 3, 2019. Students must have a minimum of 10 points.

I would like to congratulate the following students, who have already reached 10 points:

- Hayley Brown, Year 7
- Simran Dhillon, Year 7
- Bianca Dumais, Year 7
- Abby Hilson, Year 7
- Erin Kavanagh, Year 8
- Bianca Morris, Year 7
- Lilly Bruhn, Year 8
- Scarlett Hull, Year 8
- Nastaskia Martin, Year 8
- Carla Prestigiacomo, Year 8
- Anabelle Taylor, Year 8
- Caitlin Bey, Year 9
- Pavit Kalsi, Year 9
- Caitlin Lane, Year 9
- Alannah Marino, Year 9
- Abbey Meagher, Year 9
- Zafira Tsagarakis, Year 10
- Porsha Logie, Year 12

Term 3 House Calendar

Term 3 is the last opportunity to gain those last-minute points for yourself and your House. Good luck, and may the best House win.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1B	July 15	16	17	18	19
Week 2A	**22 CARMEL FEAST DAY**	23	24	25	26
Week 3B MATHS WEEK	**29 HOUSE MATHS**	**30**	31 LOURDES AND FATIMA	Aug 1	**2** CARMEL AND LORETO
Week 4A	**5** LOURDES AND FATIMA	**6 HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE PASTORAL PERIOD**	**7** CARMEL AND LORETO	**8** LOURDES AND FATIMA	**9** CARMEL AND LORETO
Week 5B SCIENCE WEEK	**12** LOURDES AND FATIMA	13 CARMEL AND LORETO	14	**15 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION SION DAY**	16
Week 6A BOOK WEEK	19	20	21	22	23 Student Free Day
Week 7B	26	27	28	29	30
Week 8A	Sep 2	**3 FATIMA DAY**	4	5	6
Week 9B	9	**10 HOUSE CUP PRESENTATION & Announcement of 2020 Leaders**	11	12	13
Week 10A SPORT/PE WEEK	16	17	18	19	20

Acting Head of Sport – Angela Stephens

Aerobics – National titles

Special congratulations this week must go out to the Sion Aerobics team, which performed in Geelong last month in the State Finals. The 'Fight Squad' team, as they are known, consists of Olivia Kelly, Alanah Shelley, Abbey Marks, Tamara Bratovic, Sophie McColl, Ellexa Daskalieros, Chloe Midgley and Isobel Leonard. The girls are in Years 7–9. They have been selected to compete at National level on the Gold Coast in August. Special thanks to Ms Jordyn Frood and Ms Jennifer Tilley for coaching them to glory!

GSV Representative Netball Team

Every year, GSV invites the best netballers from each school to try out for the GSV representative team. This team is the 10 best netball players out of the 24 schools participating in the GSV competition. This year, Our Lady of Sion put forward six of our best players to try out for this team. Congratulations to Bronte Sherwen, Ciara Miller, Lucy David, Rose Laidlaw, Ruby Sherwen and Saskia Nannes who were all accepted by GSV to try out for the team. I am delighted to announce that Saskia Nannes and Rose Laidlaw went one step further and made the GSV representative team – an outstanding achievement!

The GSV representative team has been invited to compete against a number of interstate teams later this year. We wish the girls all the best.

GSV Weekly Sport

As the GSV finals were held last week, and the Term 2 weekly sport season concludes, we are now in the process of selecting teams for our Term 3 sports. Next term, we will see Soccer, Badminton and Volleyball featured in our GSV weekly sport calendar. In addition to this, we also have the SCSA junior and senior AFL competitions in Term 3. This week and next, the girls are attending trials for all of these sports and I am delighted to see so many girls signing up to try out for their favourite sport.

Please remember that if you do not make the team, there are many more sporting opportunities for you in the following term. Trials will continue into Term 3 and team lists will be available to students in the first week of term. Please ensure girls have an up-to-date copy of their fixture and that they continually communicate with their coach in relation to their availability each week.

Track and Field athletes will have their time to shine in Term 3 and the squad has already started training with Mr Rieusset. They will continue into the term with a number of practice meets already scheduled and the GSV Carnivals in August and September.

GSV Senior Basketball Tournament

On Thursday 20 June, our Senior Basketball team set off to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre to compete in the GSV Senior Basketball tournament. The girls played a total of four matches and the standard was very high. The girls started strong , with an impressive 10-point win over Melbourne Girls Grammar.

The next few games were very close and the girls lost by just a few points each time. They played well and represented our school with pride. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for the Grand Final, but the girls are to be commended for their determination and hard work in every match. Maddie Zugna (Year 12) was the best player for the day, earning top points-scoring honours. Special thanks to Mr Luke Brewis for training, coaching and accompanying the team to this event.

Sports Stars of the Week

In the last two weeks the girls have been very busy attending Netball finals across all levels. It was a very successful season, with Our Lady of Sion taking out 7 of the possible 15 GSV titles. I would like to recognise two students who were particularly impressive during the finals season.

Georgia Wilson – 10 White

Georgia Wilson played in the Intermediate A team and she was an inspiration to the team.

She was very encouraging to her team mates, was able to direct play beautifully on the court and was instrumental in feeding the ball into the goal ring 90% of the time. She showed excellent leadership qualities and did all this with a smile on her face. Georgia is highly respected by her peers and a most deserving winner of this award.

Pippa Lyford – 7 White

Pippa Lyford played in the Junior D team and was a pivotal player, leading her team to win the GSV title. Her shooting accuracy was incredible and she hardly missed a shot. Pippa is a focused and motivated player, constantly encouraging her team to do their very best. A most deserving winner – great work Pippa!

Years 8–11 Parent Social Evening

Our Lady of Sion College Parents' Association warmly invites parents and guardians of our Years 8–11 community to come along to an enjoyable social evening

When: Friday 9 August at 7.30 pm

Where: Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham

Cost: $30.00 per head – finger food provided
(this price has been subsidised by the Parents' Association)
Drinks available at bar prices

RSVP: Friday 2 August 2019, book at www.trybooking.com/521275.

Enquiries: Caroline Athey – Secretary, carolineathey02@gmail.com

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