Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Tomorrow sees the start of November and while I have not been to the shops recently I am sure the Christmas decorations are either already up or very close to it! Here in our community we are well in to Term Four in all its busyness. There are only two more newsletters after this one!

This is probably the last newsletter for our Year 12 students and their families as they commence their exam block on Monday 10th November. The school community will farewell them at a special assembly on Friday 21st November, however I would really like to make special mention of this group of students led very capably by one of the best group of student leaders I have seen in my time in schools. I know this is a big call but these girls have worked as a wonderful team to achieve many much within this school community. They really have wonderful role models and in their own way, some quieter than others, have modelled leadership for all our students. I would like to acknowledge Breanna Prendergast, Georgia Dutton, Riley Finley, Sarah James, Isabella Shoard, Ellie Smith, Jessica Swalwell and Erica Werner.

However leaders cannot achieve anything without the support of those they are leading and these Year Twelve girls have modelled for our younger students, on a daily basis, exactly the type of behaviour we would hope to see modelled here in the College. This is both academically, in their relationships with each other and in the way they have contributed to this community really helping us consolidate our whole ‘John Fisher Way’ in preparation for the arrival of many new students in 2015. At such a busy and often difficult time for us in leadership in the College we cannot thank them enough for this. They are amazing young women and we thank them and their families allowing us to share part of their life journey and wish them well as they move on to another phase in their lives. We hope that the times ahead are happy and rewarding.

Tonight is our annual Night of Excellence where we will publicly acknowledge all those in our community who have excelled across all areas of College life. It is really important to acknowledge and celebrate excellence. The evening commences at 7.30pm and full formal uniform is required. As for our Illuminaré celebrations car parking will be on the main oval. Our wonderful groundsmen will be there to direct you around the construction site. A reminder to all students that this is the one compulsory evening event in College life.

Our fee schedule for 2015 was finalised at our recent College Board meeting and a copy of that can now be found on our College website. There is no increase in the basis tuition rates, however with increasing costs and wages we have slight increases in our levies (average 3.8%). The only increase in the IT levy has been in Year Eight where they are now part of the ‘one to one’ laptop program. We ask that you pay due diligence to the payment of school fees to allow us to continue to offer your daughter the best education opportunities we can. I ask that you please finalise all outstanding fees by 5th December.

If you are aware that your daughter is not returning to the College in 2015 please inform us of this in writing as a matter of urgency. Please note that we do require one term’s notice in writing for full refund of enrolment bond.

A reminder there is a public holiday on Friday 14th November as a result of the G20 Summit.

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Upcoming Diary Dates

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**Night of Excellence** is to be held tonight at 7.30pm in the Killoran Centre. As a community, we celebrate the achievements of our students across the full range of College life. This is a compulsory night of attendance for all students. Even though a student may not be receiving an award, we expect they will join with their peers in celebrating with each other. The formal College uniform is to be worn without the hat.

**For the Senior students:** Very soon, we will be starting our farewells to the Senior class of 2014. They have been an outstanding year level in many ways. They have had a strong commitment to their academic success and their results as at the end of Term Three are evidence of this. They have also participated in every aspect of College life with enthusiasm and dedication. As leaders of the College, they have lived out the College values in the way they conduct themselves and been a great role model for our younger students.

I would also like to thank our College student leaders for their dedication to their roles this year. Each one of these girls has made an exceptional contribution to this College this year. Isabella Shoard has reinvigorated and given new direction to the Student Council as well as producing the student newsletter *Fisher Frenzy* and leading the magazine committee. Riley Finley has campaigned for greater involvement in co-curricular sport, introduced Fun Friday activities and taken on many sports administration tasks in the first weeks when Ms Stephen was injured. Sarah James was instrumental in initiating the Geebung Special School visits and promoting the Bracken Ridge and Zillmere library programs. Georgia Dutton has been involved with introduction of Theatre Sports as a House activity and widely promoted cultural activities in the College. Ellie Smith has accomplished her own personal challenge of networking widely with students in her House. Jessica Swalwell was the driving force behind the Trauma Teddies campaign which extended her leadership well outside the boundaries of her House captaincy. Erica Werner led Rochester House to reach an amazing fundraising goal in Caritas and built enormous House spirit in the process. Finally, Breanna Prendergast has completely shone in her College Captain role and led this group with grace and dignity. She epitomises everything that we stand for at St John Fisher. Together, the girls have done some outstanding assembly presentations and worked well as a team. I know they have overcome their own fears and anxieties to find the confidence to bloom in their respective roles. I am so proud of the way that they have been able to bring to action the goals and dreams that they had in the very first days of their leadership roles. Their leadership provides inspiration for those students following in their footsteps and it is a great joy for us to work with such wonderful confident young women. We are so grateful for the gifts they have given us.

Regards & blessings, **Sharee Lane**

**EXAM BLOCKS**

With the weeks flying past so quickly it will be the end of the year before we know it. Exam blocks will run for Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve in the coming weeks where students only attend when they have a scheduled exam. Here are the details:

- Year Twelve exam block runs from Friday 7 November to Tuesday 18 November. This is one day earlier than previously advertised due to the G20 holiday on Friday 14 November
- Year Eleven exam block runs from Thursday 13 November to Tuesday 25 November
- Year Ten exam block runs on Thursday 13 November and Monday 17 November (2 days only)
- If students miss an exam due to illness, please contact the College to let us know. A medical certificate is required before negotiating an alternative time to complete their assessment with their teacher
- At the conclusion of each exam, all textbooks and library books must be returned and all outstanding monies must be paid before reports are issued in the last week of term
- Students must arrive in full uniform including their hat and usual schoolbag. The usual rules about makeup, hair and jewellery apply

In order to accommodate all the exams it will be necessary to once again move the Year Eight classes out of their rooms for part of the exam block time. This means the Senior girls will be able to complete their exams without the distraction of noise and activity near the building sites.

**Cybersafety**

Cybersafety continues to be an issue about which we must continue to be vigilant. Over the course of their time here, students will hear talks from the Queensland Police Service and INESS about how to stay safe online. Experience tells us that the best outcomes are achieved when parents and schools work together. Having rules and routines around the use of mobile phones, laptops and other computers in the home go a long way towards minimising the incidences of cyberbullying. I strongly encourage parents to implement a routine where mobile phones and laptops are off limits after a certain time of night. Careful monitoring of mobile/online activities is also recommended.

Kind regards, **Carol Hoareau**
Year 12 Final Results

WANT YOUR RESULTS AND OP ONLINE?

Your Year 12 results and OP will be available in your learning account from 9 am on Saturday 20 December 2014.

You will need your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in. If you do not know your LUI, ask your school for it.

Schools will be closed when results are released, so make sure you find out your LUI before the end of term.

Activate your learning account now, so you can access your results as soon as they are available.


SAI – Subject Achievement Indicators

SAIs will be available for viewing by Year 12 students from Wednesday 26th November at the College. For more information about the purpose and implications of SAIs please visit:


Regards, Gary Conwell

Senior News Ryan Slavin | Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator

GRADUATION DINNER

Thank you to all families who have finalised payments for this event on 19 November. The students are really looking forward to this event and, of course, finishing their formal education just a few days later. Please note that on this day the students will all meet at St Joseph’s Church at 9.00am for a rehearsal and will be dismissed from there at approximately 12 noon. They are not required to come back to school. At 5.45pm they will assemble outside the church to prepare for the mass which commences at 6.00pm. Families are asked to be seated before 6.00pm. At the conclusion of the Graduation Mass we make our way to Kedron-Wavell Services Club to arrive by 7.30pm. You will be required to sign in downstairs before making your way upstairs to the Blue Pacific Room. I ask that everyone is seated by 7.45pm. Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the night.

EXAMS

Good luck to our Year Twelves who commence their final exams from Friday 7 November. Full school uniform is required and the usual rules about personal grooming apply. There will be two exam sessions per day — students must be at school by 8.30am at the latest for the morning session, and by 11.50am for the afternoon session. This allows enough time for students to gather necessary materials and prepare themselves for each exam. As each exam finishes, students are asked to return their textbooks and equipment either to the trolley provided or to Mrs Wolf in the Book Hire Room. The Year Eleven exam block begins on Thursday 13 November.

FEEDBACK DAY – YEAR TWELVE

On Thursday 20 November, the Year Twelve students will have their Feedback Day — this is when they receive their exam results and it will be the last opportunity to spend some time and say farewell to their teachers. Students have been given a detailed outline of the processes for their final week in Forum last Thursday. Please discuss this with your daughter.

The end of year processes for our Year Eleven students will be outlined in the next newsletter.

RACQ READY2GO

Last week during Forum the Year Twelves were given an information session from RACQ. This coupled nicely with the basic car maintenance sessions done earlier in the semester. The aim of the session was to inform the girls about what to do in the case of a breakdown and give them the opportunity to join RACQ roadside assistance for a reduced price with added extras for beginning drivers. The girls were given an application form to take home, so please discuss this with your daughter with no obligation to sign up.

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP 2015

The Year Elevens voted during Year Level Assembly on Tuesday morning of last week. After hearing the wonderful speeches of each candidate a week prior, the girls had time to ponder their choices on the best candidates to lead St John Fisher in 2015. Well done to all those candidates that have nominated for leadership. Each of you would do a superb job, I am sure after hearing the speeches and I rest assured that the student body is in good hands in 2015!

Kind regards, Ryan Slavin
Year 9/10 News  Laura Chapman | Year 9/10 Pastoral Care Coordinator

The end of Term Four is quickly approaching and assessment pieces are starting to be due. Unfortunately as the term has progressed, there have been increasing numbers of Year 9 and 10 girls placed on lunchtime detention for homework and drafts for assignments not being completed. I urge parents to assist their daughters in this process by checking planners and subject guides to ensure assessment is complete by the due date.

On assembly this week I spoke to the Year 10 girls about their behaviour in class and their interactions with teachers. An increasing number of students are not doing the right thing in class and are talking back to teachers in an impolite and unacceptable manner. I have informed the girls that this behaviour is not the John Fisher Way and there will be consequences for those students who continue to disrespect their teachers and disrupt their class. I will be reiterating this to the Year 9 students as well. I would appreciate your continued support in this matter.

The Year 10 girls attended the “Love and Life” seminar last Thursday. The seminar proved to be a great success with all the girls learning the value of self-worth and making positive choices regarding their relationships. Feedback from the students has all been positive. This might be a good opportunity for parents to engage in a conversation with the girls about the types of things that they talked about in the seminar and what they learned. Laura Chapman

Flowers leave a part of their fragrance in the hands that bestow them (Chinese Proverb).

Year 8 News  Nicole Garske | Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator

The sentiment of this ancient Chinese proverb is one we are focusing on this Term in Year Eight; The gift of giving. Already the girls have begun making their parting gifts for their Year Twelve sisters and many have started planning their acts of service to the community.

Thank you to all who came along to Illuminaré on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see so many Year Eights involved in the performances and in the crowd for support. And thank you to Miss McKenzie and members of Year Eight Bridgeman who came equipped with face paint in order to ‘give back’ through volunteering to paint spooky designs on people’s faces. It sure did add to the spirit and atmosphere of the night.

Our annual Night of Excellence is celebrated tonight. All students are expected to attend and must be in full school uniform. It is the one night in the College Calendar that we expect all students to be present, in order to celebrate the many talented students we have here and to congratulate them for striving for excellence in many different fields. While the night begins at 7.30pm, students are expected to be here no later than 7.15pm in order to meet with their PC teacher and class members. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay.

Next Thursday 6th November the girls will be having their last ‘sister activity’ for the year. As the other year levels have organised previous meetings throughout the year, this time it is up to the Year Eights to organise. They are responsible for choosing the location for their group activity, inviting all of their sisters along, as well as organising a fun activity for them to do. All sister activities will be happening during period 5 and may carry into lunch. Activities can range from physical sporting games, to word games, to board games, to ‘get to know you’ games and so on. Please talk to your daughter about choosing a small activity and ensure she is prepared for this next Thursday. Typically, these activity times end with a shared lunch. We do encourage the girls to have a communal lunch on these days, however the focus of the time spent together should not be all about the food! I look forward to seeing what the Eights come up with! Nicole Garske

This year has honestly been one of the greatest and most rewarding years of my life. Saint John Fisher College has provided me with countless opportunities and left me with some of the most amazing memories which I will cherish for a lifetime. To have been given the privilege of leading such a friendly and kind community has been the most rewarding of experiences to date. At the beginning of the year, I remember telling you all the story of how I cried on the phone purely out of shock and disbelief when Mrs Messer rang to offer me the position of College Captain. I can honestly tell you that it still does not feel real. It still has not sunk into me that I was a leader of 2014. Regardless of the surreal feeling, I will never forget the strange yet touching notion that everyone knows my name and loves to have a chat; particularly the Year 10 girls who cannot wait to say hello to you every time you see them. Leading Saint John Fisher College as Captain has made my final year of High School challenging whilst at the same time the most rewarding experience, which I have been lucky enough to share with my family and friends, mentors and my amazing cohort.

Alongside my fellow College Leaders: Georgia, Isabella, Riley, Sarah, Ellie, Jess and Erica, we have watched our greatest aspirations and goals as leaders come alive; and we have seen how much closer the school has come on a whole. To see something which you have worked hard to achieve become a success gives you the greatest feeling of pride and joy and that is what this year has been.

Though my time at Saint John Fisher College as your College Captain is tiny compared to the big picture, the way in which I have seen you all grow and prosper is not. If there is one message that I would like to communicate to all students, it is this, please work hard for what you want and what you believe in. Though it might be a long and gruelling path, I promise that the feeling when you have finally accomplished it is something which is unparalleled. Always work hard and be yourself and you will soar to new heights. Thank you for such a fabulous year and I wish you all the very best of luck in the future! Let your light shine!  Bre ☻
We count down the years, semesters and days until we finish high school, as we try to make each moment count. It is an incredibly surreal experience to be almost at the end of a twelve year long journey and to be entering a totally unfamiliar, scary and exciting world. I have been blessed to have the opportunity in leading Communication within the College throughout 2014. The significance of communication is a great passion of mine and this role has inspired me to pursue Communications further at a tertiary level next year.

One of the highlights of communication within the College is Magazine Committee. I have been involved with this Committee for a number of years now, and with each year comes more enthusiasm and talent. I am extremely thankful for the commitment and efforts of those involved in this year's Magazine Committee and furthermore to those involved in the production of our spectacular College Magazine.

This year also saw the introduction of the termly student created Magazine *Fisher Frenzy*. Major thanks must go to Erica Werner, Alana Riley, Jessica O'Reilly and Morgan Johnson for their talented contributions and diligence. Without these girls, the success of this Magazine would not have occurred. It has been a great pleasure to implement this communication tool and I hope to see it grow in the future.

I am so privileged to have had the chance to work with and run the Student Council for 2014, who have amazed me at every meeting. The Student Council successfully helped launch the Student Magazine *Fisher Frenzy*, assisted in the operation of House Assemblies, introduced the addition of a House Dance Off to St John Fisher Day as well as the planning and running of a College Social. The Student Council have also held various lunchtime activities to endorse the College value of inclusiveness with great success. A plethora of other fantastic ideas were evaluated and analysed with a comprehensive list of options for the future being created.

It seems like the words “thank you” cannot even begin to express my gratitude to Ms Sharee Lane for her continued invaluable support and guidance throughout the year. Her time and consideration within Student Council and in her mentoring role have been outstanding and I will forever be grateful for her leadership. I would also like to thank Miss Jade McKenzie for her support in the role of my Communications mentor. Miss McKenzie has been the driving force of this year’s Annual Magazine and her tireless efforts have gone above and beyond any requirements. I am very grateful for all of her assistance and encouragement throughout the year.

I hope you look back on this year and remember how special the St John Fisher College Community is. The year of 2014 is when your roots began to grow and flourish; the year you dared to “Branch Out”; the year you were absolutely fabulous.

Thank you for everything. Isabella

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**Cultural Capers** Georgia Dutton | Cultural Leader

“We cannot expect to grow if we are too afraid or unwilling to change and face challenges. When we exit our everyday lifestyles to do something different we can experience growth, undiscovered strength, and new abilities within ourselves.”

At the beginning of this year, when I first addressed the College as Cultural Leader for 2014, I left the girls with the above quote. At the time, and still even now, I felt this quote summarised my vision for the College community in an effort to encourage girls to grow by giving any experience or opportunity that comes their way a go. In order for my vision to be put into action I asked the girls to take on a “Just give it a go” attitude and approach when faced with an opportunity, regardless of what the outcome may be. In effect, by applying this attitude to our everyday lives we are setting ourselves up to succeed and discover new abilities and interests. Through my own application of this attitude, not only in 2014, but throughout the duration of my journey at Saint John Fisher College, I have been privileged to have been involved in Cultural life here at the College and it has been a privilege to have created that journey for others this yea.

It has been a truly rewarding experience, and an honour, to be Cultural Leader at Saint John Fisher College for 2014. For me, encouraging student involvement within the arts was not a duty, instead it was a desire as Cultural Leader. The dedication and commitment that girls have contributed to Culture this year is to be commended. To see girls put my vision into action by trying new things they had not yet shown an interest in, and discovering new abilities and interests, as well as develop a passion for Cultural Life, has been a great pleasure and a memory I will keep with me.

Culture at Saint John Fisher had yet another great year full of many activities and I am so grateful to have been a part of it. This year we saw girls contribute their passion, commitment, effort and talents through activities including Sister Act, TheatreSports, Shakespeare Festival, Cultural Committee, Studio 27, Band, String Ensemble, Band Tour, Choir and Vocal Ensemble, Dance, Tech Crew, Polynesian Dancers and Illuminaré.

With the year now coming to an end, I would like to say a huge thankyou to each and every girl who contributed herself, her talent, her interests, and her passion to Cultural life here at Saint John Fisher in 2014. It is you who have helped make my experience as Cultural Leader so rewarding. Also, thankyou to the parents of these talented young ladies for driving them from place to place to participate in these Cultural events and competitions. They literally could not have done it without you and your support.
In addition to this, a huge congratulations goes to the girls who competed at the Shakefest State Finals. You were all terrific ambassadors for our College. An extra congratulations goes out to Amanda Jacobson for placing third overall in the Music division.

I would also like to commend all of the girls who stepped up and auditioned for the College’s combined musical with St Patrick’s College for next year. I know that it is not easy to stand up and sing a solo line from a song, or dance to a chorus of a particular song, or even act out a scene in front of a group of people, so it was great to see so many girls across all year levels “just giving it a go”. It is quite saddening to think that I will never get to be a part of another school musical, but I still have so many memories that I will treasure from my experience in two College musicals. I know all involved will have a great time and I look forward to seeing a great show.

Thankyou to my fellow Year Twelve Drama class for helping with the preparations of our very last Illuminaré. I have been so privileged to have worked with you over the past two years and could not have asked for a better or more talented, humorous, humble and amazing group of girls to share and celebrate this special night with.

Thankyou also to all the teachers who helped supervise and organise many of the Cultural activities this year; your contributions, dedication and support are greatly appreciated. Thankyou for sharing your passion for Culture with the girls of Saint John Fisher College.

A big enough thankyou is not possible for her efforts, but a massive thankyou also goes to Ms Geran who has been a major support for everything Culture in 2014. Thankyou for helping, dedicating your time, sharing your passion and humour and making Culture what it is. What has been achieved throughout the year could not have been done without your efforts and passion. The girls of the Cultural community thankyou for making 2014 a year to remember. Thankyou for being an incredible mentor to me over the year and for guiding me to be the best Cultural Leader I could possibly be and helping me reach my full potential.

To think that this is the last time that I will be addressing the school community as Cultural Leader is such a sad thought, but I know that I can happily walk away with the knowledge that we as a community, have definitely achieved what I set out for us to achieve and I would not change anything this year has brought us. I am so incredibly honoured and grateful to have been given the opportunity to be Cultural Leader this year. I know that I have made many memories I can take away with me and always treasure.

Thankyou for an amazing year. I will not forget all of you who have been a part of this incredible journey.

I haven’t left just yet so I am still always looking for a chat, so don’t be shy. Georgia

Social Justice @ SJF Sarah James | Social Justice Leader

After such a jam-packed year, everything seems to be coming to an end. This year each Social Justice initiative has been very successful due to the support and compassion that has been shown by the whole St John Fisher Community, and although the year is almost over the perspective and attributes gained from the experience of each initiative will continue to shape each student in many years to come. There is much to be said about helping others, and through doing so you have the potential to change many lives, including your own.

At the beginning of this year I put this quote forward, in order to get everyone thinking about what Social Justice really looks like in their eyes:

‘Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around’

Through a collaboration of minds and hearts I believe that this year has been the year where we have all realised the power that we hold to genuinely make a difference, to change a life and to improve the world. This year was where we let our ambitions, the roots, grow and flourish by taking the initiative to seek justice in our families, school, and local community and on a global scale.

Thank you to the beautiful Social Justice committee for everything we have achieved as a group this year. Each and every member has been a valued one, and it has been a great experience to get to know you all. Thankyou for your willingness to be a part of doing something in the lives of others, and I know that the foundations we have set will only continue to be built on by the Social Justice Leader and the committee for 2015. A huge thankyou to the teachers that have given their time and passion to help out or co-ordinate each Social Justice initiative; Mr Conwell, Mrs Pashen, Mr Slavin, Mrs Peacey, Julie McCoy and Mrs Kingston. Your contributions have been greatly appreciated by all, thankyou so much.

To my Year Twelve family, I am so glad to be finishing the year with such a talented, caring and compassionate group of young women. The support we have all shared amongst one another over the past five years, this year especially, has been something that I am sure that we will all treasure and is something that has made my year as Social Justice Leader such a rewarding one. To know you always have such a strong support network behind you, leads you to be confident in yourself and your abilities tenfold.

I encourage each girl to take risks to follow your hearts, nurture your passions, and discover your talents. You will always have a loving, supportive community behind you, so don’t be afraid to take the leap of faith to unknown waters.

Go forth and be just, Sarah
It has come to that time of the year when sport begins to wind down. It has been an amazing year for St John Fisher Sport, that not only I can be proud of, but all of the senior leaders, the teachers and entirety of the school. It has been full of exciting new events, close losses, awakening challenges and big successes. I would like to congratulate the entire Saint John Fisher community on making this year such a successful year. I stated at the beginning of the year, that “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts” and through our strong teamwork and community spirit, we have proven that to be true. As a whole school community we have taken 188 steps toward improving participation in sport, and each of these have been all the more meaningful as we have done it side by side.

I would like to thank all those committed students who have put in an amazing effort participating in either interschool sport or interhouse carnivals. Your enthusiasm is greatly appreciated and it has been your spirit that has made my year as Sports leader as special as it has been. Memories of time spent on the sporting field, cheering on the sideline and those smiling faces and determined eyes will never be forgotten. At the end of the year I will leave with so many wonderful and treasured memories, as I am sure many of you, my bright and wonderful St John Fisher girls, will too someday.

Finally, some thankyou’s. Firstly, I would like to thank the students. There has not been a day that you have not made me smile and made me proud to be your sports leader. Secondly, I would like to thank all of the teachers and parents (listed below) that have taken time out of their busy lives to help coach a sporting team this year. Your efforts are so appreciated and without you sport at St John Fisher would not be possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank my mentors Tamara Stephen and Natalie Thackwell. These two fabulous women have created a new dimension of sport at SJFC. They have both been so determined to try new things and expand sport and I know without them, myself or the sporting community would not have achieved such success throughout this fantastic year. Overall, thank you to everyone that has tried their hardest in every way possible and to those who always make the best of the outcome. I am truly honoured to have been your Sporting Leader for 2014. Good luck and best of wishes for 2015 and beyond!

I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend! Riley 😊
Bridgeman Bulletin

This is my final newsletter for 2014! It has been such an honour to be your Bridgeman leader and I could not have been more proud of your participation and willingness to get involved in all of the Inter-house events. Throughout the year our spirit and passion was seen oozing from the Bridgeman tent as we swam, ran, cheered and screamed our way to the finish line. Our commitment was also evident not only on the sporting fields but in all aspects of College life. Our girls have been outstanding in their participation of cultural activities, in their academic results and in their service to the community. So to all my fellow Bridgeman girls, I would like to congratulate you for contributing something unique and valuable to our house.

Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Year Twelve PC class for your friendships, fun and lasting memories. I am so blessed to have shared this experience with you and wish you the best of luck with your future endeavours. I would also like to thank the College teachers who have guided us through our journey at St John Fisher. Special mention must be given to Ms Hedemann for being such a supportive mentor, and Mrs Hoareau and Mr Slavin for their dedication as Senior Coordinators.

Inspired and motivated by our house motto: “passion, commitment and persistence”, we have once again strove for greatness throughout the entire year of 2014. In spite of difficulties, our girls always persevered and never gave up and I hope that you, like me, are proud to be called a Bridgeman girl. Our compassion and camaraderie are the reasons our house remains number one in spirit.

I hope you continue to remember to seize each day and make your life extraordinary. Ellie ☺

McAuley Messenger

As the end of year is approaching, with only three weeks remaining for the Year Twelve ladies, I am trying to remain positive by abiding by the saying “do not cry because it is over, smile because it happened.” So in keeping with this theme I thought it would be a good time to reminisce on all the amazing memories the McAuley ladies have made over this year.

“We do not have one specific favourite memory from this year rather we have really enjoyed all house and school events especially the Gr8 Race, camp, our first ever social and making new friends!” - Year Eight McAuley

“At the Year Nine Back to Basics camp, after we had finished the rafting activity a few of us McAuley girls decided to pamper ourselves with cow manure because we all know how good it is for your skin, right!” – Piper Foley, Year Nine McAuley

“When Year Ten McAuley’s Class Captain, Saffi Abad, was taking the roll to the office she got the fright of her life when she saw the school's life size Pope cut out peering through the office window. She saved herself just in time from dropping all of her papers.” – Year Ten McAuley

“Our best memory was the day we went to Masonic Care in Sandgate as a whole PC class. We got to hear the stories of the ladies living there and this day made our PC grow so much closer. Also, Cassandra Illingsworth sang a beautiful song to the ladies which everyone loved!” – Gabby Greer, Year Eleven McAuley

“For Year Twelve’s Caritas project we decided to go to Waterbrook Church and run a BBQ. Once we had finished and was nearly all packed up, a lady jumped out of her car to see if we had any sausages and bread left. Relieved that we did, she then proceeded to get us to serve her dog as the sausage sizzle was his lunch not hers.” – Year Twelve McAuley

Thank you to my magnificent McAuley ladies for making this year so enjoyable. You all have such an exuberant amount of House Spirit, courage, bravery, happiness and a love for all things yellow which I truly admire. Thank you for making me the proudest House Leader to have ever walked the planet (or St John Fisher College). The McAuley house has so many amazing memories from this year that I will always cherish. I wish you all the best for the rest of the year and girls, do not forget to smile because one smile has the potential to turn someone’s day around. Jess ☺
If I am uncertain about all else, I am certain that being a part of Quinn house guarantees an overwhelming level of intense spirit. This year has flown by so fast and I have felt nothing less than honour to be elected Captain of such a vibrant and enthusiastic group of beautiful young women known as the girls of Quinn House.

During the year there have been countless moments whereby I have taken a massive step back and I have allowed myself to “waw”. As a house, we have come so far and accomplished so much. There have been times where Quinn House has shone brighter than I thought was even possible. From the Swimming Carnival and the 80’s themed Cross Country in first term, to Interschool Athletics Carnival, St John Fisher Day and the Dance Off. I think it is safe to say that Quinn has dominated! With everyone getting in and giving their best throughout the year, the true Quinn spirit radiated from you all. Accepting the role of Quinn House Captain had me feeling extremely nervous; especially having to follow in the footsteps of so many great House Leaders who came before me and being the first year of House Leaders to run House Assemblies, but you have all supported me and you have been the best House group I could have asked for! I can honestly say I feel so proud to have been given the opportunity to lead you all! It has been such an amazing year, with each of you showing others exactly what it means to be a part of Quinn House. I have been blessed to have had the chance to lead you all and as I wish you all good luck for your future, I want you all to remember one thing; opportunities are found by those who look for them. The Bee has a sting but honey as well. So look at every negative and make it a positive in order to let your light shine! Bre 😊

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The achievements of the Rochester house would not have happened without the beautiful, talented and committed girls who are blue through and through. The spirit, strength and unity shown by Rochester helped us reclaim our place in the school.

This year would not have been possible without the Pastoral Care teachers who consistently gave up their time to support the house. I am incredibly grateful for the support and advice I have received from my mentors Mrs Carol Hoareau and Mr Ryan Slavin. Thank you to Mrs Rikki Stanton-Cook for mentoring, supporting and guiding me this year even when I came to you with crazy, wild and ambitious ideas.

Finally, thank you to my fellow graduates and Pastoral Care Class. For the past five years we have stuck together and I am so lucky to have spent my last year of high school with you all.

The only thing that can be said is thank you! Thank you to the fearless Rochester House for making my Fisher journey all that more special. I will treasure the lessons and memories I have learnt this year and I know that Rochester has only just begun their rise to victory…so watch out! Erica 😊
### Tuckshop Roster

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### Uniform Shop

**HELPERS NEEDED for Trading Days**

Thank you to the volunteers who have already offered their help. Help is still needed during the following extended trading days:

**2014**
- **Saturday** 6 December 8.30am – 10.30am

**2015**
- **Saturday** 10 January 8.30am – 12.30pm
- **Monday** 12 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- **Tuesday** 13 January 8.30am – 10.30pm
- **Wednesday** 14 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- **Thursday** 15 January 8.30am – 10.30am
- **Friday** 16 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- **Saturday** 17 January 8.30am – 10.30am

If you are able to help with the outfitting of Year 7 and Year 8 students for 2015 please contact Maria on 3269 2129 (Uniform Shop Hours) | 3269 8188 (School office) or 0416 199 112 (Mobile). Thank you, Maria Wolf

**Open Hours ~ Tuesday 3pm to 4pm & Wednesday 8am to 9am**

### Book Hire

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ PLEASE READ**

Parents/Caregivers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and it is time to start organising the return of textbooks currently on loan to your daughter.

Each textbook has a barcode starting with X. Students must return the textbook with the same barcode that was loaned to them. A list of items on loan will be given to students in plenty of time for them to check their books. If a student returns another student textbook they will still be responsible for the textbook that was loaned to them.

If books have been lost or damaged they must be replaced. Your daughter will be issued with an overdue notice and **payment for the replacement of books must be made by the due date listed below.**

Could you please assist me by ensuring that your daughter returns all of her text books by the following due dates:

**Yr 12 ~ Thursday 20th November 2014**  **Yr 11 ~ Wednesday 26th November 2014**  **Yr 10 ~ Tuesday 25th November 2014**

**Payments for Textbooks still outstanding by the due date will be charged to your family account at the end of the school year.**

Thank you for your help in this matter. Maria Wolf

**TEXT BOOK COLLECTION HOURS**

**For Year 9 to Year 12 in 2015**

**From Lab 3 in the Science Block during school holidays**

- **Monday 19 January** 8:30am to 12:30pm
- **Wednesday 21 January** 12:30pm to 4:30pm
- **Friday 23 January** 3:00pm to 5:00pm
- **Tuesday 20 January** 8:30am to 10:30am
- **Thursday 22 January** 8:30am to 10:30am
- **Tuesday 27 January** 8:30am to 10:30am

**Year 7 & 8 will collect textbooks on their first day of school**