



February at a Glance

- Tuesday 7 February
Greek Dancing
Year 3 to 6 begins
3:15pm School Hall
- Thursday 9 February
Year 2 Swimming begins
- Thursday 9 February
Kindergarten Greek Dancing
Begins— 2:00 pm
- Friday 10 February
Year 1 Greek Dancing
Begins— 1:20 pm
Year 2 Greek Dancing
Begins— 2:15 pm
- Monday 13 February
Co-curricular classes begin
- Thursday 16 February
K-12 Mufti/Sausage Sizzle
- Tuesday 21 February
Parent /Teacher
Information Session
- Thursday 23 February
Primary Swimming Carnival
Years 3-6
- Friday 24 February
Fancy Dress Dance—P and F
Years K—6
7:00pm School Hall
- Sunday 26 February
Church Attendance—
Years 3 to 6—10:00am
- Tuesday 6 March
IPSHA Swimming Carnival

Welcome to 2012.....

On behalf of the President Peter Theo OAM, the Board of Directors and Governors, Mr Hirakis and all the staff, I welcome you all back to St Euphemia College for another exciting year.

It was a wonderful commencement to the 2012 academic year, as we attended our first Church service and received Holy Blessing—Ayiasmos by our Reverend Fathers, Father Panagiotis and Father Peter.

The enthusiasm and spirit of both the staff and students was evident from the first moments of the School term. It was wonderful to see our excited students again, eager to start the 2012 School year. They look well rested and very smart in their summer school uniforms.

I look forward to working with our new Year 6 students as leaders and senior students. I know the opportunities a new year brings to each student in the academic, cultural and sporting areas, will be eagerly taken up.



I'd also like to welcome all the new students and their families who have joined St Euphemia College for the very first time. I thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

HSC Results—2011

Congratulations to the 2011 Class of Year 12 for their outstanding results. We wish them every success with their chosen paths. Please visit the High School website for more Information: www.steuphemia.nsw.edu.au

School Fees

Thank you to all the parents who have paid the School fees for Term 1, 2012. According to the **'Rules and Regulations'**, fees must be paid prior to the commencement of each term. If you have not yet paid Term 1 fees, please make arrangements to do so as soon as possible. Please read the \$2,000 donation offer in lieu of the Building Fund component, offer by the Board on the attached Fees schedule.

Kindergarten 2013

Applications are now open for Kindergarten 2013. If you are an existing parent and have a child ready to start school next year please ensure that you fill out an application form as soon as possible and return it to Ms Kiahidis in Reception. If you have any friends or relatives looking for a great school, our enrolment forms are available from the Front Office or online. Children enrolling for Kindergarten 2013, must turn five years of age before 31 July 2013.

Other Vacancies

The School also has some vacancies in some of the other grades. If you have any friends, neighbours or relatives interested in enrolling their children, please ask them to contact the Primary Secretary for an Enrolment Form or download it from our website.

Staff News

We welcome back Mrs Vourtsanis and Mrs Konstantinidis who are back on staff full time. We also thank the Greek Consulate and the Greek Government for the appointment of Mrs Liouta and Mrs Papagiannopoulou.

Year 6 Prefect Body for 2012

The students in the Prefect Body for 2012 are:

Boys

Captain: Anthony Giannopoulos
 Vice Captain: Alexander Coulson
 Prefects: Costa Melas
 Krystian Papadopoulos
 Giorgio Spiropoulos
 John Mallia

Girls

Captain: Marie Louskos
 Vice Captain: Olympia Gravaris
 Prefects: Renee Kagiassis
 Elisa Georgiou
 Sophia Fragakis
 Sarah Mae Agustin

School Hours

The playground is unsupervised before 8:15am and after 3:30pm. Parents are reminded that they are not to leave their children unattended in the playground before 8:15am or after 3:30pm.

School commences and finishes -

Years K-1: 8:35am-3:00pm

Years 2-6: 8:35am-3:10pm

Leaving Early

Parents/Caregivers collecting students before dismissal time for a doctor's appointment or due to illness must complete and sign the 'Sign Out' book at the School Office. Parents/Caregivers are not permitted to come to the classrooms to collect their children. All parents/caregivers must wait in Reception.

Personal Information Update

Any changes to important information such as telephone numbers, emergency contact de-tails, allergies etc, should be updated at the School Office as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher Information Session

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Introductory Parents and Teachers Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 21 February.

The meeting is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their child's classroom teacher and become familiar with the procedures that take place in the school. Kindergarten to Year 2 parents/caregivers will meet their teachers in their classrooms at 6.30pm. The Information Session for Years 3-6 will commence at 7:00pm in the students' classrooms.

I will be available in my office if any parents would like to discuss any matters of concern.

Morning Assembly

A reminder to parents that the 8:30am bell is time for students and parents to farewell each other and for students to line up. Parents are asked to leave the playground so that the students and teachers can start their day. Your support in continuing with the smooth running of the School is greatly appreciated.

K-12 Mufti and Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 16 February, the School will be having its first fundraising event to aid with the renovations to our new building. Students will need to bring in \$10 which covers mufti, sausage in a roll and a bottle of water.



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School Diary

The 2012 St Euphemia Primary School Diary is now available at a cost of \$15. Students must pay this amount to their class teacher by Friday 3 February.

School Book Covers

Students in Years 3-6 need to purchase plastic covers to protect their exercise books. These can be purchased from their class teachers at a cost of \$15 for ten covers. These covers will last the students the entire year as they can be reused once the existing book is finished.

Church Attendance

Church attendance is part of the School's religious education program and all students are expected to attend. Any absences from church will be recorded on the School reports. Students must wear their summer school uniform and assemble in the foyer of the church hall by 10:00am. Students attending church with their siblings must inform their class teacher.

Church attendance for February is scheduled on the following dates:

Sunday 26 February—Primary

Co-curricular Classes

Our Co-curricular Program for Years 3-6 will begin on Monday 13 February (Week 3). A separate note has been handed out for students interested in attending these clubs. Notes must be returned by Wednesday 8 February.

The classes are as follows:

	Years 3-6
<u>Monday afternoon</u> 3:15pm– 4:00pm	Art Club (Mrs Kotsilas) (Maximum 20 students)
<u>Monday Afternoon</u> 3:15pm– 4:00pm	Drama Club (Mrs Konstantinidis) (Maximum 20 students)

Car Park Safety

In the interest of your safety and the safety of your children, please do not walk through the car park when dropping off or picking up your children. There is a walkway at the entrance of the school which allows parents and children to gain access in and out of the School in a safe way, without having to use the car park.

No students are allowed to walk through the car park at any time.

Greek Dancing

Greek Dancing has always played an important role in the Greek way of life. This year we are very fortunate to have Paroula Thurban join our school as the new Greek Dancing teacher. Ms Paroula will incorporate dance, drama and the use of the Greek language to inspire our students to learn to dance.

The infants classes will have Greek dancing incorporated into their daily timetable as indicated below at a cost of \$50 a term. Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to attend Greek Dancing classes on Tuesday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:15pm, also at a cost of \$50 a term.

Year 1 students must place their money in an envelope with their names clearly labelled on the front and given to the class teachers. Kindergarten, Year 2, Years 3 to 6 must pay Ms Paroula directly.

Kindergarten Greek Dancing	Thursday—2.00 to 3.00pm
Year 1 Greek Dancing	Friday—1:20 to 2:15pm
Year 2 Greek Dancing	Friday—2:15 to 3:10pm
Years 3 to 6 Greek Dancing	Tuesday—3:15-4:15pm



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Welcome to Kindergarten
 Our newest and youngest students have settled into 'big school' very well. There were plenty of smiles on the first day and unfortunately a few tears, even from the parents. Rest assured that the students will settle into the school routine quite quickly.

Starting from Tuesday 31 January and until Friday 10 February, the Kindergarten students will finish school at 2:30pm. Parents must pick their children up from the Kindergarten classroom located on the first floor. After Friday 10 February, the students will be dismissed at 3:00pm in the main quadrangle.



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Sport News.....

Sport/Bus Transport Levies

The bus levy for Term 1 sport for all students in Years 3-6 must be paid to the class teacher by Friday 17 February, 2012. The cost is \$25.



Sport Days

Sport Day for the Infants is on Thursdays and for the Primary students on Fridays. On these days, students are to come to School in their sport uniform and ensure that they have their School hat.

Primary Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 23 February, the St Euphemia Primary School Swimming Carnival will be held at Revesby Swimming Centre, Marco Ave, Revesby.



Students will need to be at School by 8:30am to ensure their names are marked off the rolls before boarding the buses. The total cost for bus and entry into the pool is \$10 and must be paid to the class teacher by Thursday 2 February.

Students must apply a minimum 15+ broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen to exposed skin before coming to School and reapply it as directed by the manufacturer throughout the day. Students also need to bring a hat, towel, their lunch and a bottle of water.

The canteen will be available for the purchase of food items and we have hired the small pool to allow students to participate in novelty events.

Parents are most welcome to attend as spectators, paying a \$2.50 entry fee. We would appreciate some assistance from parents with timekeeping on the day. If you are able to help please see Miss McKie, the Sports Coordinator, before Friday.

All students will be placed in House colours. The House colours are as follows:

Apollo—blue, Aphrodite—green, Athena – yellow and Zeus – red.

Students may either wear their School sports top or a shirt representing their House.

House Captains are as follows:

Apollo Captains— Krystian Papadopoulos and Elisa Georgiou

Zeus Captains— Costa Melas and Mary Dimitropoulos

Athena Captains— Nicholas Doxaras and Maria Skarmoutsos

Aphrodite Captains— Christian Pozoglou and Yvette Tzortzis

PSSA Competition

St Euphemia participates in the Bankstown PSSA Interschool Sport Competition, held on Friday afternoons. During summer, we will field the following teams:

Junior/Senior Boys Cricket —Ms Phillips

Junior Boys and Girls Basketball—Mr Nicodemou

Senior Boys and Girls Basketball—Ms Diamant

Boys T-ball and Softball—Ms Poulos

Girls T-ball and Softball—Ms Pappas



The team tryouts will commence on Friday 3 February and continue for the next few weeks. After tryouts the students will be informed if they have been selected for the above mentioned teams. It is important to remember that Winter Sport will be just around the corner and there will be another opportunity to represent the School in a winter PSSA team.

Round 1 of PSSA begins on Friday 24 February. Please note the following training schedule will commence in Week 4— starting Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 March.

Wednesday – Junior Basketball in the School playground. Concludes at 4:30pm.

Thursday – Senior Basketball in the School playground. Concludes at 4:30pm.

Thursday – T-Ball, Softball and Cricket—venue to be confirmed



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All students are reminded to have an extra bottle of water for training sessions. School hats must also be worn while training.

A reminder that parents must collect their children from the respective training sessions promptly and not to leave siblings unattended at School during training times. Unattended siblings are not the responsibility of the coaches.

Year 2 Swimming

Sport for Year 2 students in Term 1 involves participating in a Swimming Program. Swimming lessons will be held at Roselands Aquatic Centre on the following Thursdays – 9/2, 16/2, 23/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3 and 29/3 .

The cost of the Swimming Program is \$125 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Tuesday 7 February.

Year 3 and 5 Intensive Swimming Program

Years 3 and 5 will participate in the ‘Schools Learn to Swim Program’ at Roselands Aquatic Pool. Swimming lessons will take place on the following days starting from Monday 5 March, Tuesday 6 March, Wednesday 7 March, Thursday 8 March, Monday 12 March, Tuesday 13 March, Wednesday 14 March, and concluding on Thursday 15 March.

All students will be assessed on the first day and graded according to their ability at the assessment time. Colour coded caps will be provided and must be worn during each lesson.

The cost of the Swimming Program is \$125 per student. This includes bus transport, pool entry, tuition and a swimming cap. Please pay this amount to the class teacher by Monday 27 February.

P and F News.....

P and F Elections

Parents are welcome to join the P&F Committee by completing the nomination form attached to this newsletter and returning it to their child’s class teacher by 17 February.

As the representative parent body, the P&F support our School by organising fundraising and social events throughout the year.

School Dance

On Friday 24 February, the P&F Committee has organised a ‘Fancy Dress’ Dance. The event will start at 7:00pm and finish at 10:00pm. The cost for entry is \$7.00 per child. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parents must be there to supervise their children. A separate flyer containing more details will be handed out soon.

Mrs E Xanthoudakis
Director—Junior School



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Parents and Friends Elections - 2012

The Parents and Friends Committee, better known as the P&F, is made up of a hard-working and dedicated group of volunteers. Their mission is to enhance the quality of School life for all our students and to provide an avenue for parents and friends to actively participate in School life. The committee is always looking for new members and welcomes your participation.

Parents/Caregivers wishing to stand for election for the P&F Committee must complete the slip below and return it to the class teacher by 17 February. The date for elections will be advised at a later stage.

For those intending to nominate themselves for the P&F Committee, it is important that they are available to attend monthly meetings and assist in fundraising activities.

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Parents and Friends Committee Nomination - 2012

Name of Nominee: _____

Signature: _____

Date: / /2012

GREEK DANCING

In ancient times, dance along with music, writing and physical exercise, was the basis of the educational system. Today we understand that by introducing children to dance and movement at a young age will help them develop and mature physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Above all, dancing enhances their skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, strength discipline stamina and memory.

Kyria Paroula has been a significant contributor to the preservation of Greek culture throughout her 46 years of teaching the Greek language, dance, music and drama.

K. Paroula and I, her daughter Nicole Englezos are extremely happy and excited to become a part of St Euphemia College. We will not only focus on teaching your child traditional Greek dance but also endeavour to inspire the love and passion we both share, in what we believe to be a vital part of our Greek culture and heritage – dance, music and drama.



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2012 YEARLY SCHOOL FEES

- Application Fee \$100 (non-refundable)
- Registration Fee \$250 (non-refundable)

Infants/Primary Years K-6

Kindergarten

Child	Fees	\$3,700	Resources	\$250	Building Fund	\$200	= \$4,150
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Years 1 -6

1 st Child	Fees	\$4,750	Resources	\$150	Building Fund	\$200	= \$5,100
2 nd Child	Fees	\$4,150	Resources	\$100	Building Fund	\$150	= \$4,400
3 rd Child	Fees	\$3,550	Resources	\$100	Building Fund	\$150	= \$3,800

High School Years 7-10

1 st Child	Fees	\$5,100	Resources	\$400	Building Fund	\$200	= \$5,700
2 nd Child	Fees	\$4,450	Resources	\$300	Building Fund	\$150	= \$4,900
3 rd Child	Fees	\$3,800	Resources	\$300	Building Fund	\$150	= \$4,250

Senior High School Years 11-12

Child	Fees	\$5,400	Resources	\$400	Building Fund	\$200	= \$6,000
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*Please note Year 12 annual fee is split into 3 terms.

Payment of Fees

First term fees must be paid as soon as possible in order to secure a position for the following year. The fees for the other three terms must be paid one month prior to the commencement of each term.

Parents/Caregivers wishing to pay the total amount of fees in advance (before 28 February 2012), will be given a \$100 discount for every child.

The Building Fund Fee will go directly towards the cost of the new building. **Parents and Caregivers who wish to donate \$2,000 or more will be exempt from the Building Fund Fee in future years.** When considering the increase in school fees, please be reminded that even with the above increases, our fees are much lower than other private schools in the area.

Please note that the above fee adjustments do not fully cover all running costs of the school. Salaries have gone up by a further 4.5%. Any Parents/Caregivers who have genuine economic problems can approach Mr Peter Theo.