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## Editorial

Hi everyone!

*It's been a short and sweet term. I'm sure you, just as much as the team behind the Puma Press, are excitedly awaiting our well deserved Summer holiday!*

*This term's publication reflects St Paul's school spirit, our vibrant atmosphere, and the great opportunities this school has to offer to all. It is genuinely brilliant to see so many students getting amongst it, which is seen throughout this publication.*

*Like the other terms, this one was full of events to write about and photograph, but it's always a lot of fun for us!*

*Term 4 has brought an excellent end to 2016, and it's exciting to await what 2017 holds for us. With the introduction to Vertical Tutoring, and the new Walker Centre, it is sure the new year will bring wonderful opportunities for the St Paul's community.*

*It has been an honour to work alongside such an amazing team this past year and I could not thank them enough for their great efforts.*

*On behalf of us all here at Media Club, we hope you have a relaxing break.*

*See you in 2017!*

**Kaela Calimbayan,**  
Editor

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## FAREWELL, 2016!

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Photo: *MR BURROWS*



# CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT

*MATTHEW GOVER*

The commencement of Term Four saw students buzzing with anticipation for the night of Celebration of Achievement. Senior School students were excited to find out how their hard year of work has rewarded them as well as the Year 11 students, who were anxiously awaiting the leadership team for 2017.

The Middle School Celebration of Achievement saw Year 7-9's coming together to celebrate schooling excellence as well as acknowledging students who have excelled in extracurricular groups. On each night, the students and parents heard from an inspirational guest speaker as well as hearing a humorous yet enlightening analogy from Doctor Browning about farming. These speeches and awards were only elevated by the superb standard of performances from bands, to ensembles, to a dance crew.

The two highly anticipated announcements over both Celebration of Achievements were the Dux of each year level as well as the 2017 Executive Leadership team.

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<b>Dux of Year 7</b>	Austine Pottanikal
<b>Dux of Year 8</b>	Anna Russell
<b>Dux of Year 9</b>	Vidur Sigal
<b>Dux of Year 10</b>	Maxwell Vidler
<b>Dux of Year 11</b>	Caitlin Alletsee
<b>Dux of Year 12</b>	Renae Lowden and Brad Balakrishnan



**Your 2017 St Paul's School Executive Student Leaders  
are as follows:**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	Rachel Munt and Rory Stansfield
<b>ACADEMIC</b>	Sophie Hicks and Jeremy Leung
<b>SPORT</b>	Kate Gordon and Evan Stanley
<b>MUSIC</b>	Caitlin Alletsee and Lachlan Hardie
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Annabel Keir and Maxwell Vidler
<b>ROUND SQUARE</b>	Tessa Power and Matthew Gover



**2017 Middle School Captains**

<b>MALE</b>	Rhys Penny
<b>FEMALE</b>	Anna Russell



# Happy Birthday, St Paul's!

## ST PAUL'S SCHOOL 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDATION DAY

GIANG NGUYEN

This year's annual foundation day, was particularly special due to the opening of the Walker Centre.

St Paul's School's 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday was celebrated proudly amongst significant guests, staff, Junior, Senior, and Middle School students, parents and other fellow associates. Several speeches were conducted in honour of the brand new Walker Centre, following the very first entrance for all members of the school. The hype grew as the students, staff and visitors poured into the new space.

The performing arts centre amazed Year 10 student, Joe Wilson who states "I believe the walker centre will largely improve the school and its extracurricular endeavours."

With the new drama facilities, assembly space and another court for sporting games, Joe's dance group now has a new area to practice, perfect and perform in!

The opening ceremony was followed by the traditional foundation day service, in which the St Paul's Dance Group, Big Band, Worship Band and Senior and Middle School Choir dazzled the crowd, being the first groups to perform on the new stage.

Many year 11's were sitting through the service anxious about who would be the House Captains of 2017.

"I'm really honoured to have the opportunity to lead Scudo." Says Shan-Ying Barr, 2017 Scudo Captain. "There is a strong leadership group next year, and I'm really excited to work with them."

It is without a doubt that the Captains for next year will do an outstanding job, and demonstrated their pride during the course of the ball games.

This year, instead of splitting up into teams for ball games, touch football and netball, all students participated in ball games. This meant that not only were the houses together and competing as an entire team, but

there was more time for the house later on.

The extended house time was enjoyed by all with students munching down on subway, pizza, Chinese takeaway and ice-blocks. Students participated in fun house activities, including movies, water-fights, pool parties or amazing-race competitions.

"It's really sad to see these houses go. But I'm glad we had foundation day to spend some more time with the house." Says year 11, Kyle Moorcroft.

"I love the idea of burying time capsules as well!" he added.

With the house system changes next year, each house decided to make time capsules which would be dug up in 75 years. In these capsules included what it meant to be a part of the houses, as well as what the students thought life would be like in 75 years.

The day was loved by many, and considered to be the best foundation day yet. It was a spectacular success, and many were glad to spend time with their whole house for a final time.

"...Really great day overall! Hopefully next year's foundation day can top this," Kyle concluded.



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# Your 2017 House Captains

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLADIUS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Grindrod and Halse)</p>	<p>GRINDROD: Rebekah Milner and Drew Nairn</p> <p>HALSE: Isabel Howkee and Aaron Stringfellow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MITRE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Strong and Sutton)</p>	<p>SUTTON: Monica Hanna and Jeremy Myers</p> <p>STRONG: Ashleigh Eubel and Aaron Cooper</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCUDO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Gartside and Arnott)</p>	<p>GARTSIDE: Giang Nguyen and Patrick Martinelli</p> <p>ARNOTT: Shan-Ying Barr and Emma Mitchell</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOEK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Baker and Stewart)</p>	<p>BAKER: Sarah McDonald and Benjamin Leech</p> <p>STEWART: Ella Stewart and Harry Deane</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAJA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Tooth and Ivor Church)</p>	<p>TOOTH: Julia Munt and Samantha Mitchell</p> <p>IVOR CHURCH: Emma Perrett and Lachlan McTaggart</p>

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## A View for 2028

TESSA POWER

*All your questions answered about the transition into Vertical Tutoring*

Although the school is gearing up for the holidays in just two weeks time, students look with excitement and a little apprehension to next year and the changes 2017 will bring to the Pastoral Care system at St Paul's.

With the integration of ten houses into just five, and the introduction of Vertical tutoring, this is a time of many changes, but also many opportunities. Led by their four new house captains (two

from each original house), students will be placed into new vertical tutor groups, each with two tutors. New houses, crests, friendships and connections will be fostered in 2017, a year sure to be full of change and excitement.

The new houses will be Scudo, Taja, Mitre, Boek and Gladius, consisting of all students between Grades 1 to 12.

## Gold Medal Motivation

ANNABEL KEIR

Olympic Gold medallist, Bronte Campbell, made an appearance at this year's Extracurricular Assembly. Shaking the hands of talented St Paul's students in sport, music, cultural and service being recognised for their achievements. A successful year in extracurricular saw many sporting premierships, music ensemble champions and St Paul's overall best season of debating, ranking the school 8th in the region. These results were the product of dedicated participation and fulfilment of a passion just like any Olympic champion. Bronte's engaging speech

about her swimming journey and the experience at the recent Olympics in Rio communicated a passion worth aspiring to. Although, training up to nine times a week, in the pool, at the gym and doing yoga, may not be everyone's calling. The students were encouraged to put work into their talents and that learning from failures and overcoming challenges is a positive step in personal development. Next year in 2017 it is encouraged that the St Paul's community 'Get Amongst It' and join us at the Extra-curricular sign on in Term One.

## The Graduate Class of 2016

*12 years of schooling celebrated at the valedictory ceremony*

CHRISTINE HOHNS

On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, St Paul's Senior School students attended the annual Valedictorian ceremony and dinner. The evening kicked off with a spiritual ceremony at St John's Cathedral in the centre of Brisbane City. The tradition of capturing the excitement of both students

and parents within a photograph was continued again this year as the grand stairway of the church was jam-packed.

Soon after the ceremony concluded, everyone made their way to the Sofitel Hotel, for a series of speeches, meals and

presentations. The school captains presented their second last speeches ever at St Paul's, outlining the importance of creating your own story as well as mentioning the school's entrepreneurial club and what the year 2028 may hold. Sev-

eral other excellent speeches were delivered by Caitlin Bills, Vas Ngo Xuan, and Andrew Pope, speaking on behalf of the class of 2016, and Mr Cook, speaking on behalf of the staff.

Towards the conclusion of the evening after an array of delicious meals, parents and students exchanged touching hand-written letters of thanks and congratulations, causing a few tears to be shed. The humour on the night was touched with the traditional screening of the Year 12 Video, providing the playback of the wonderful memories made by the 2016 graduates.

For the class of 2016, this formal evening closed the final chapter for some students' 13 years at St Paul's, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for these bright seniors.



# Not Just About Bandanas

GIANG NGUYEN

The 28<sup>th</sup> of November marks National Bandana Day. This term, Year 11 Gartside have been hard at work, organizing sales, posters, promotions, competitions and, of course, the traditional mascot tea party.

This year, the team have twisted the stakes, announcing an inter-house competition. With the houses merging next year, Gartside saw an opportunity to pitch one last house competition.

“This is the last term that the 10 houses will exist! It’s an awesome opportunity to get the school involved, and to promote spirit within these particular houses for a final time.” Said Solomon Kam-

ba, Year 11 Gartside. “The house which can buy the most bandannas will be the ultimate winners.”

The winning house was promised 100 cupcakes, with Gartside challenged with the task of baking. After two weeks of sales, Grindrod House had bought the most Bandanas, with Gartside and Halse not far behind.

“Seeing everyone get amongst it in their ties and bandanas, really lifted my spirits. It’s so good that St Paul’s is involved with such a good cause!” Says, Grindrod Student, Kaela Calimbayan.

“The cupcakes were great too!” She added.

The crew came together the day before the event, to bake 200 blueberry and white chocolate muffins and 72 fruit kebabs, for the inter-house winners as well as the pre-prep tea party.

“The kids really loved hanging out with the year 11’s and the mascot. They loved the food, and every one of them purchased a Bandana! A really great day overall.” Says Alex Schultz, Year 11 Tooth.

Within two weeks, the team managed to sell an astounding 600 bandanas, raising up to \$2,400 for the cause.



The annual ‘Battle of the Bands’, now under the title of ‘SPS Fest’, kicked off early Term 4 better than it’s ever been!

Students got together for a fun night with friends, whilst enjoying the entertainment provided by the school’s talented musicians, varying between students from Grades 7 to 12.

The night’s atmosphere circulated a fun, chill, and exciting vibe, with some audience member laying on blankets under the twinkling fairy lights, with others taking on the fun in the form of an energetic mosh pit.

Whether people kicked their feet up on the evening, or got amongst it in the mosh pit, everyone shared one thing in common— support for all of

## Music and Mosh Pits

KAELA CALIMBAYAN

the incredible artists.

Performances from the students came in a variety of solos, duets, and bands, with a variety of genres performed.

“It was a great event and amazing to see all the potential that St. Paul’s students have to offer,” Jeremy Myers, a member of the audience shares.

A huge congratulations goes out to not only the prize recipients, but every single performer on the night.

The SPS Fest definitely succeeded in showcasing the amazing talent our school shines with. The night was definitely enjoyed by all who attended, and it will be sure that this event grows bigger and bigger for the following years to come.

**LEFT:** The talented Riley Yorston and Ebony Riley getting amongst in with an outstanding performance! Photo by Rory Stansfield



# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

*Everything Extra-Curricular*

## Six Thousand Kilometres Away

*Year 8 Student, Sophie Stinchcombe, was one of the few lucky students who attended the Drama Tour this year. This tour consisted of many hands-on activities over the week the students were in Singapore. Sophie's encounter summarises the memories made on the trip.*

Over the eight days we were in Singapore, everyone made so many new friendships from different grades and age groups, and even learnt some new things about each other!

The culture in Singapore was very diverse, with various racial and religious groups uniting for art and performance festivals. The students were able to experience being part of a different culture on many occasions, which was a great experience for all.

At LASALLE College of the Arts, everyone participated in many different types of workshops, and learnt so many new things about performing.

I would definitely recommend going on the next performing arts tour, because the opportunities we had and our newly-made experiences were absolutely amazing!





# The Power Of Cupcakes

*TESSA POWER*

A new initiative for the Round Square Committee, the first Beyond Blue Day endeavour at St Paul's was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, involving a variety of approaches to raising awareness for mental health issues.

Positive messages on blue post-it notes could be seen on lockers around the school, brightening the days of students first thing in the morning. This was followed up by a short presentation during chapel service regarding mental health and support services and introducing the final event for the day.

Upon exiting the chapel, all students were offered a free blue wristband, a cupcake, and a flyer with information about who to reach out to when

struggling with mental health issues. The cupcakes came with only one condition; that students share time with a friend while eating and check in to see how they are.

The strengthening of our school community was evident through the conversations held by students, with several students approaching someone they had never spoken to before and sharing food with them.

The day was a success in raising awareness for mental health issues in young people and for Beyond Blue, a fantastic organisation that has helped many Australians fight through depression and anxiety.



Churros, tacos and dumplings. Where else would you rather be?

The Foundation Courtyard came to life on Monday and Friday's 'Eat Street' events, with 11 hospitality dishing up gourmet street-style foods.

The food-truck trend has taken over food scenes all around Australia, being a modern way of providing gourmet options for cheap.

"It is essential that those in the hospitality industry are keeping note of what trends are out there in today's market. They tell us what our consumers want and what's fresh!" Say's 11B Hospitality student, Eamon Gannon.

This year, 11 Hospitality have been centralizing food trends, adopting concepts such as High Tea, health foods, Café elements and now street-food.

The Friday team served up nachos, acai bowls, burgers and a sweet & savoury corn treat, tapping into a variety of dietary needs and health food trends.

"It's really important that we have alternate options for those who are gluten intolerant, lactose intolerant or have allergies." Another 11B student, Kyle Moorcroft, states.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that nobody gets sick from the food we cook."

Friday's eat street event wrapped up early, having almost all the nachos sold out within minutes! Similarly, the dumplings and churros on Monday afternoon's event had vanished after 10 minutes of service.

Kate Gordon describes the day as being fun and exciting.

"It's a really good representation of how mobile services work," she says.

Working in a food truck, compare to an industrial kitchen, was very different and had some challenges.

There were a lot of missing resources that could have been useful for a smoother running of the event, power and proper equipment were a major miss.

There were many obstacles that we overcame, which was a great challenge for the students, to learn and grow from.

All in all, both days were beaming with success! The hospitality department can't wait to do it all again next year.



# Food Truck Fiesta

*GIANG NGUYEN AND HARRIET NIXON*



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