Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Past Students, Past Staff and Community,

Welcome back to the new year as a member of the San Sisto College community. I would like to extend a warm greeting to all of our new families — those who are joining us with daughters in Year 7 and those whose girls have enrolled at our school in other year levels. I am sure that the girls have been made to feel very welcome and will be quickly embraced into the community as San Sisters.

We also have many new faces amongst our staff for 2017. The College Leadership Team for this year includes Mr Brad Barker who will be the Deputy Principal, Mrs Erica Qureshi as Assistant Principal Religious Education, Mrs Anna Doré as Assistant Principal—Student Wellbeing and Mrs Susan Boban as Business Manager. Other staff joining us this year are:

- Mrs Kyrstal Bradford Creative Arts Middle Leader/Art Teacher
- Mr Peter Christie Mathematics Teacher
- Ms Therese Coyle Religion/Humanities Teacher
- Mrs Kristine Fellows Home Economics/Religion Teacher
- Mrs Elise Godwin Well Co-ordinator, Science/Mathematics Teacher
- Ms Janette Lewis Speech Pathologist
- Mrs Karen Rothman Learning Support School Officer
- Mrs Kaylene Solomon Science/Mathematics/Religion Teacher
- Mrs Sue Stevens Mathematics/Science/Religion Teacher
- Mrs Tania Stevens Home Economics Teacher
- Ms Jeanine Thorton Science/Mathematics Teacher
- Mr Richard Yaxley English/Drama Teacher
- Ms Marianne Zandona English/Commerce Teacher

I would also like to welcome back those who were members of the community in 2016. Your outstretched hands of friendship and your ability to tell our story in both words and actions will enrich the journey for our new members.

There have been a number of building projects completed during the Christmas holidays. The walkway over the M1, new lockers throughout the grounds, landscaping improvements and the completion of air-conditioning to the classrooms in Fra Angelico will enhance the day-to-day environment for our community. Thank you to the College P & F for their donation towards the new lockers. We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment.

Our 2016 Year 12 students have been very successful in receiving places at University and TAFE for 2017. Of the 101 QTAC applications, 98% received an offer, with 92% receiving an offer from their first three preferences. 61% actually received an offer before the major round of offers. Many students benefitted from bonus ranks through a variety of schemes which included the studying of Maths C, Physics, and Languages or participation in university study whilst still at school. These results are particularly special because of the many amazing young women who not only showed a strong focus on academic excellence, but also were the driving force within the student leadership team or across our sport, arts and community service pillars.

As a Dominican school, we are guided by
the values of truth, joy, faith and prayer, justice and compassion, community and service, and a love of learning. As a community we strive towards a ensuring a sense of unity, connectedness and belonging for all. This year we have determined unity to be the theme for our community. The following words attributed to St Dominic inspire us, “We are companions and must walk together. For if we hold together no earthly power can withstand us.”

In 2017, we have a continued emphasis on academic achievement, development of practical skills, focus on student wellbeing, promotion of community harmony and a wide co-curricular program. We will continue to challenge and cater to the varied interests and needs of students seeking both academic and vocational outcomes. We believe that we provide a dedicated and committed teaching, wellbeing and support staff who work to create a learning environment that nurtures and supports each individual student. Without this holistic approach to education and wellbeing, the challenges faced by many of our young people moving through to adulthood would seem overwhelming in today’s interconnected world.

I am honoured to work with our Senior and Middle College leaders, teachers, administrative and support staff who all have supported the achievement and wellbeing of our students. In partnership with parents and carers, the success of our College in 2017 is assured.

God’s blessing for the week ahead,

Mrs Shelley Hamilton
Principal
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Religious Life in the College

Each time we pray the Our Father, we are called to action – we are called to enact God’s will on earth. On Tuesday this week, we were reminded of this call to action by Pope Francis as he implored us to ‘show up’ and not run away and hide from God’s will. In fact, Pope Francis tells us that we must continuously show up – speaking to God in prayer and striving to do God’s will. Ways that our San Sisto community has ‘shown up’ this week include:

• Our staff began the year with mass where we shared Eucharist as a whole staff community;
• Year 7 Students embracing their positions within the college community with enthusiasm and gusto;
• Year 10 Mentors who helped our new students navigate college life;
• Year 11 Students dialoguing ways that their Bologna journey can be life-giving and memorable during their retreat;
• All schools – Caleruega, Fanjeaux and Bologna – marking the commencement of the college year with school rituals;
• Our Year 12 leaders meeting after school on Wednesday to strategize the best way to lead our college community; and
• Staff participation in the start of the year video.

As you can see, there is already much that our community ‘shows up’ for. May we continue, as the year progresses, to reflect and ask ourselves: How am I doing at responding to the Lord’s call?

Mrs Erica Qureshi,
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Welcome back for 2017 and to the first ‘Parents’ Page’ of the year. My name is Megan Vardanega and I work in the WELL in Student Wellbeing. I look forward to working alongside parents in providing guidance, information and a new perspective on issues to ensure the wellbeing of your daughters. In the Verigram each fortnight, I will be writing on a topic of particular relevance to all parents of young women.

My role also includes seeing girls for appointments each day, spending time in the grounds getting to know the students, organising courses for parents and students, coordinating the WeCare program and running numerous activities at lunchtime in the WELL.

As a mother of five, I am aware that parents and young people often worry about starting the new school year and forming/maintaining friendships. Negotiating friendships and friendship groups at any age can be a challenge — but at high school even more so. One of the best books I have read, and one which I would strongly recommend to our parents and girls, is “Find Your Tribe (and nine other things I wish I had known in high school)” by Rebecca Sparrow. The WELL has a couple of copies of the book which students can borrow though any good bookstore will sell this book. It is a concise, easy to read, funny yet informative book which really hits the nail on the head in terms of what it’s like to be a girl in high school today and how to negotiate the minefield which is friendships. In fact, the first chapter deals explicitly with what girls starting high school need to know about choosing the right friends. Making friends and learning to be a good friend is a lifelong skill which we need to master in order to be happy.

Please encourage your daughter to make an appointment to see me if they have any concerns about friendships or anything else at all. High school is different for everyone. For a few it’s a breeze. For most it takes some adjustment. The girls have a lot to get a handle on in a short space of time.

This my seventh year at San Sisto, and I thoroughly enjoy working in pastoral care. To new parents, I would say enjoy the crazy ride that is high school and I look forward to meeting many of you at the Welcome Barbecue on Friday 3 February.

Mrs Megan Vardanega,
Student Wellbeing
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Parent Portal Resources

For specific information on how to best support your daughter with a range of issues affecting young people go to the Parent Portal /Student Wellbeing and click the links under relevant ‘headings.’

You will also see here information about the College’s ParentingIdeas subscription. ParentingIdeas is an Australian based organisation founded by well-known parenting educator, Michael Grose. This means, as a community, we have access to regular monthly Insight articles on topical and practical issues, quarterly newsletter and to the parenting blogs, updated automatically as they come to hand. You will be pleasantly surprised at how grounded in common sense and how practical the information is.

If you want to stay up to date with the latest, nationally recognised parenting information, make a point of clicking into the parent portal every few weeks, after reading the Verigram.
The WELL

Staff at the WELL extend a warm welcome to the newly enrolled young women and their families who have joined the college and also to those returning students and families in 2017. The WELL (Wellbeing: Enhanced Life and Learning) is our Centre for Wellbeing, and is located at the back of the Prouilhe building near Student Reception. For those new families, the WELL is a place where students can speak to staff and access support for careers, subject choices, health and nutrition, spiritual guidance, organisation of workload as well as personal, emotional and social difficulties including friendships or family concerns.

Our core belief is that education and wellbeing are inextricably linked and that without one the other cannot grow and develop. All services at the WELL support and enrich our students’ learning. Students are encouraged to be proactive in seeking support for themselves. Students should not wait for issues to escalate before seeking an appointment through the WELL. No issue is too big or too small. If it is bothering the girls, it is worth talking about.

As the WELL Coordinator I am the first point of contact for students wishing to make an appointment. Girls can access the WELL before school, at morning tea or at lunchtime and speak with me regarding an appointment. Depending on the issue of concern, the student will be booked in to see Ms Greisbach or Mrs Kearns (Guidance Officers), Mrs Vardanega (Student Wellbeing), Mrs Hart (Organisational Therapist), Mrs Godwin (Careers Advisor), Mr Richard Yaxley (Academic Advisor), Miss Amy Pemberthy (Physical Enrichment), Miss Morgan (Massage Therapist), or Miss Kate Baddiley (Spiritual Guidance).

Appointment cards, in a sealed yellow envelope, are then handed out during homeroom within a few days of their initial visit. Girls are encouraged to clip this card in to their diaries on the scheduled appointment day. When the time arrives they simply show their classroom teacher the appointment card and then make their way to the WELL. Please be aware that every endeavour is made to make appointments in breaks with minimal classroom disturbance, but this is not always possible. Sometimes a one-off appointment is all our girls require but if not subsequent appointments can be made.

Girls who are seeking some quiet time at morning tea or lunch are welcome to come and sit in the WELL and look through the resources, play board games or colour in. Throughout the year engaging and creative activities are run during lunchtime. Please check the Parent Portal for the WELL activities on offer.

Our WELL staff feel privileged to be able to work in our unique facilities and roles, within a school setting. To be able to offer guidance and support for our students learning is an honour. If you have any questions about the WELL or its services, please contact the college on 1300 9800.

We look forward to welcoming all new families to our college community at the Welcome Barbecue on Friday 3 February.

Mrs Elise Godwin, WELL Coordinator and Careers Advisor
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**Café Caterina**

**Flexischools**

Flexischools is now up and running and our updated menu is available on the internet. We have a few new summer items this term so take advantage of our online ordering system.

**Cutlery**

Plastic cutlery is only available for cafe customers. Please, remember to bring your own cutlery in if you are bringing meals from home.

**Our Dads...**

Don’t be shy about volunteering at the Cafe. We have a few regular dads who love to come in and help, and the girls really enjoy seeing our dads here. Contact us at the Cafe on t 3900 9842 if you are interested.

**Australia Day!**

We celebrated Australia Day at Cafe Caterina, this week. We had some special foods including an Aussie sausage sizzle, mini shepherds pies, lamingtons, and more.

**Roster: 30 Jan — 3 Feb**

Monday 30 January
- Jose Toussant
- Francesca Randall

Tuesday 31 January
- Rachel Zanetta
- Fiona Austin

Wednesday 1 February
- Jade Dunlop
- Tina McCaul

Thursday 2 February
- Lynne Dunlop
- Amanda Lynch

Friday 3 February
- Linda Walden
- Rebecca Chippendale

Mrs Margaret Kupper,
Café Caterina Convenor
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The Uniform Shop Hours:
Wednesday 9.00 am — 2.00 pm
Thursday 9.00 am — 2.00 pm
or by appointment.

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**Upcoming Events**

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60 Second Staff Interview

This week we interviewed returned Teacher, Mr Yaxley.

What is your role?
I am a teacher of Senior English and Drama, and Academic Adviser to Year 10-12, assisting with academic issues and goals.

What do you enjoy most about your role?
It’s good to be able to help. When you’re an ‘experienced’ (okay, old) teacher like me, there is an accumulation of situations, ideas and thoughts that can assist young people with their choices. Is that wisdom? I prefer the idea of balance.

Why did you want to become a teacher?
I avoided teaching because I came from a teaching family, so rebel-me wanted to be something different. I worked in the federal government for a while, sold shoes, nearly went into nursing then found my vocation. My first practicum sealed the deal; I loved the interaction with students, and seeing their pleasure when they worked out that they were actually progressing onwards and upwards in a positive and proactive fashion.

What are your passions in life?
I write in a range of genres, most specifically books for children and young adults (is it time for a plug? New book coming out in March published by Scholastic, entitled This Is My Song) … I also study (a Masters of Human Rights), and of course I am passionate about my family. I am married to a beautiful pragmatist and have two adult sons, one an actor, the other a computer games designer.

Tell us something that someone normally wouldn’t know about you?
I have really long toes. In Buddhist terms, before I became a person I was a South American sloth. In the next life I am aiming to be a giant fork.

Name one person with whom you’d like to have to dinner. Why?
Shakespeare. We have much to discuss. Like, could you not have given poor old Hamlet a break?

What’s the best piece of advice you could give someone?
Trust yourself. Persist. Stay balanced. Every time you move forward, the destination comes closer. If you’re asked for one piece of advice, give five.

Music Notes

The Co-curricular Music Program kicks off the 2017 year with its information evening on Monday night.

We encourage all who want to be a part of the program to come along to the evening to learn about how our ensembles and private music lessons run. All of our music tutors and conductors will be there and sign-on forms will be available.

All existing families involved with the program are encouraged to attend to catch up on new rules and regulations and more importantly – to catch up with your muso friends!

WHAT: Co-curricular Music Program Information Evening

WHEN: Monday 30 January 7:00 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Siena Centre

If you are unable to attend the event, please email Mrs Hart for further details on the program.

Mrs Jodi-May Hart, Co-curricular Music Program Coordinator and Wellbeing Officer

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Sport and Health

Triathlon State Championships
I am very happy to share with you all that Meg Quinton has been selected in the Metropolitan East Regional team for Triathlon. Meg will now compete in the State Championships at Hervey Bay between Thursday 23 February and Saturday 25 February. We wish the best for a successful and enjoyable Championships.

Swimming Carnival Nomination Process
The Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 20 February at Sleemans Sports Complex, Chandler. Nominations for events will be held the morning of Wednesday 8 February. Students will be directed to rooms around the College specific to their age and the house that they are in. With time restraints on the day of the carnival, we can only offer a limited number of events and heats. In some cases, there will be more nominations then we can sustain on the day of the carnival. In this instance, priority will be given to those athletes who have better race times for that event. If a student is absent on the day of nominations, they must email Mr Gould with their event preferences, approximate times and swimming experience. Age Champions will be decided on the athlete’s four best results on the day. All events will be run as heats, not divisions. If you have any further questions or would like to volunteer your time as a parent, please contact me by email.

Representative Sport
Our students have the ability to nominate and trial for various representative sports. The first level of representative sport is divided into two districts, solely dependent on the athlete’s age. These districts are, Lytton District (less than and including 12 Years) and Composite District (13 Years and older). If the athlete is successful at either district, they may trial at the second representative level of Metropolitan East. Metropolitan East Region encompasses all age groups. Calendars for the nomination and trial times of the various representative sports can be found on the College website and the Parent Portal. Information on specific sport nominations and trials are emailed to students and will be detailed in the Verigram.

Representative Sport for January, February and March
Please note that these nomination and trial dates will be updated as I receive information from the representative sport offices.

31 January – Metropolitan East Tennis (13 – 19 Years) nominations due
3 February – Lytton District Swimming nominations due
6 February – Metropolitan East Softball (13 – 19 Years) nominations due
7 February – Metropolitan East Tennis (13 – 19 Years) trial
8 February – San Sisto College Swimming Nominations
9 February – Metropolitan East Softball (13 – 19 Years) trial,
10 February – Lytton District Swimming trial
14 February – Metropolitan East Baseball (15 – 18 Years) trial, Composite District Swimming nominations due, Composite District Volleyball (12 – 15 Years) trial
16 February – Composite District Volleyball (16 – 19 Years) trial
17 February – Metropolitan East Swimming nominations due, Metropolitan East Surfing trial
20 February – San Sisto College Interhouse Swimming Carnival
21 February – Composite District Hockey trial
23 February – State Aquathon, Composite District Netball (13, 16 – 19 Years) trial
24 February – Composite District (16 – 18 Years) trial
27 February – Composite District (16 – 19 Years) trial
28 February – Metropolitan East Swimming trial
1 March – Lytton District Basketball trial
2 March – CaSSSA Interschool Swimming Carnival, Lytton District Netball trial, Composite District Netball (14 – 15 Years) trial
13 March – Metropolitan East Touch trial
14 March – Metropolitan East AFL trial
16 March – Lytton District AFL trial
21 March – Lytton District Soccer trial
23 March – Lytton District Hockey trial
25- 28 March – State Swimming

Mr Ryan Gould,
Academic Leader Health and Sport
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Physical Enrichment Program

Welcome back to another year of Physical Enrichment at San Sisto College! There will be many ways to be involved in the Physical Enrichment side of the College this year. We are off to a great start in Term 1 with Bootcamp, Sports Aerobics and the International Women’s Day Fun Run up first on the agenda.

Bootcamp

Bootcamp will commence for the year on Friday 3 February. All students are welcome and encouraged to come along and have some fun, whilst getting fit and working out with your friends. Bootcamp is held every Friday morning from 7.15 am – 7.45 am in the Siena Centre. Fitness activities range from circuits, running sessions, strength training, skipping, pilates and boxing. Come and enjoy the fun and fitness every Friday morning; monthly prizes are also on offer. Bootcamp is a great way to end the busy week and spend some time doing physical activity with your friends.

Sports Aerobics

San Sisto College will again be offering Sports Aerobics to students in 2017. The college will offer two possible levels of enrolment in Sports Aerobics:

1. Students who want to make Sports Aerobics a fitness program. These students join in the fun band rigour of training under Sport Aerobics, however do not compete at competitions.

2. Students auditioning for selection in the regional/state/national competitions.

Auditions

There will be two audition dates this year on Thursday 9 February (6.30 am – 8.00 am) and Friday 10 February (3.15 pm – 5.00 pm). Both will be held at the College in the Siena Centre.

Training

Training will be held every Thursday morning from 6:30am – 8:00am at the College. Training is compulsory for all competitors.

If your daughter is interested in being involved in Sports Aerobics, please collect an information letter and permission form from student reception. These will be available for collection from Wednesday next week.

International Women’s Day Fun Run

Each year, in March, the world celebrates International Women’s Day. This global day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. As a way of marking this important day, San Sisto students, their family and friends are invited to join over 8000 women in the annual International Women’s Day Fun Run/Walk which will be held on Sunday 5 March at 7.00 am. This event involves a scenic 5 km run or leisurely walk which starts and ends at the Cultural Forecourt, South Bank.

With approximately 200 San Sisto girls participating last year, we look forward to having the same, if not more participate this year. When registering, be sure to register under our San Sisto school team.

To register, go onto womensdayfunrun.com.au select ‘Individual Runner’ under the ‘Register Now’ tab. Choose either ‘5km run’ or ‘5km walk’ and click the ‘Join a team’ icon. Search for ‘San Sisto College’ if you are doing the run or ‘San Sisto College Walkers’ if you are participating in the walk, and complete your registration.

Remember that friends and family can also register under the San Sisto College team name; the more the merrier. Further details and permission forms will be sent out as we get closer to the date, however, if you have any questions regarding registration please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms Amy Penberthy,
Physical Enrichment Coordinator
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College Captain Introduction

We interviewed our college Captain Luisa Randall for the first time in this edition.

What made you decide to run for a student leader position?

I think the simple answer is I genuinely, wholeheartedly love this college. I am immensely grateful for the opportunities it has given me, the life lessons it has taught me and the relationships I have made here, and I hope to be able to give back to the college as a school leader.

What does being a leader mean to you?

To me, being a leader is being someone who stands as an equal with their peers. They are someone who encourages their group to work in union so everyone in the group feels included and valued. I believe that an influential leader is someone who listens to the viewpoints and opinions of every individual in their group, and then takes action. But overall I believe being a leader requires hard work, dedication and a touch of charisma, so you can inspire others to step up as leaders as well.

What would you say to any girls who are thinking of running for a leadership position?

Give it a go! You will never know the outcome unless you take that initial step to put you hand up and say ‘I want to run for leadership’. It may seem a little daunting at first, but in the words of Troy Bolton, “we’re all in this together” and your cohort will be there to encourage and support you.

In the meantime, get involved in the activities offered at school! Join the soccer team, audition for the college musical or write your name down for your year level’s service activity. All these little things will put you in a great position to be a contender for leadership.

How vital do you see the role of a student leader?

Student leaders are exactly that; students. They see, hear and experience life as a student first hand. Student leaders allow the voices of the students to be heard, which is necessary in order to create a school environment where every student feels included and valued.

What are you looking forward to most in the new role?

Being able to involve myself in a variety of different events within the college, and being able to do so as a proud representative of San Sisto as a school leader. Whether that be SRC meetings, ANZAC Day Marches or school assemblies, being able to introduce myself as the College Captain of San Sisto will fill me with an immense sense of pride.

But I’m not going to lie, I am incredibly excited about hosting San Sisto Day with Rebecca (we’ve already started brainstorming character ideas…).

How do you plan to be a positive role model for our students next year?

To spread a little joy and positivity to everyone I meet at school by simply smiling and saying hello!

What are you most looking forward to next year?

Where do I begin! Now that I’m in the final few weeks of Year 11, I’m starting...
to see the so-called ‘light at the end of the tunnel’; my final year of high school. It’s slightly daunting, but more so, it is incredibly exciting and there is so much to look forward to. Of course there’s events such as our final San Sisto Day, Formal, and the traditional Year 12 pool jump at swimming carnival that are exciting, but I think the aspect of Year 12 that I’m looking forward to the most is being able to work with the other student leaders, the Year 12 cohort and the teachers to make our final year of high school exciting and rewarding.

What are your hopes for after high school?

After high school, I hope to go to university and study international relations and foreign affairs. I also hope to keep up my Italian study at uni. Ultimately, I have dreams of working with the United Nations or with an international organisation in the area of social justice. Aside from career goals, one of my biggest desires is to travel. So if you ever need to track me down in 10 years’ time, hopefully I’ll be hiking a mountain in Norway or watching the Northern Lights in Iceland!

What are your passions?

I think my main passion (aside from eating chocolate and drinking peppermint tea) would be social justice and equality. Since I was a little girl, this has always been an area that I’m interested in and passionate about, and thankfully, this is one of my passions that I’ve been able to combine with a career aspiration. While in East Timor earlier this year with the school, one of the most prolific life lessons I learnt from Eddie De Pina at the Bakhita Centre was “go out into the world and do whatever you want to do and be whatever you want to be, but then remember the people who can’t do those things themselves, and then come and help them.” Eddie has dedicated his life to helping people less fortunate than him, and what he taught me in those few days at the Bakhita Centre inspires me to continually enrich my passion for social justice, and also pursue it as part of my career goals.

Tell us something that someone normally wouldn’t know about you.

While on the San Sisto Italy tour last year, I ran straight into a glass wall at the Colosseum in front of hundreds of people. So if you’re in Rome anytime soon, you will probably find an imprint of my face on the glass wall of the Colosseum gift shop!

Ms Sally Hall, Media & Communications Officer
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Year 10 Peer Mentors

Thank you to our Year 10 Peer Mentors who did such a fantastic job welcoming our new Year 7 San Sistas on Tuesday. Many parents and teachers of new students, as well as the new students themselves, remarked on what a fabulous job the girls did in showing people around, making sure everyone knew what they were doing with locks, helping out and giving advice wherever they could and putting nerves at ease with their smiling faces. The girls have shown great leadership and enthusiasm in their first event as 2017 Peer Mentors.


Mrs Louisa Makepeace, Fanjeaux School Coordinator

Finance

Term 1 2017 School Fees Statement

Statements of Fees and Levies will be emailed to all families on the week commencing 6 February 2017 at which time payment plans can then be set up for the new school year. Please refer to the college website (Enrolments tab) http://www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/College-Fees.aspx if you wish to view details regarding the 2017 School Fees.

Mrs Sue Humphrey, Finance Secretary

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Our Community

Royals Netball Club Sign-up Day

Royals is a family orientated Netball Club based in Coorparoo with members from Wynnum to Woolongabba and beyond. Club training is held on Wednesdays and begins in February/March. Saturday fixtures run from just after Easter until August.

Would you like your daughter to play netball in 2017?

Royals Netball Club is holding their final Sign-On and Information day on Saturday 28 January. Registrations must close Jan 31.

WHERE: Wembley Park Courts, (corner of Robinson and Burkes St Coorparoo).

TIME: 9.00 — 11.00 am.

DETAILS: The Sign-Up day is an opportunity to find out about the club, have your child sized up for her uniform, as well as receive help or information to sign-on online.

Require more info? Please dont hesitate to give Lu a call on t 0430011886 or email royalsregos@gmail.com

Southside Eagles Football Sign-up Day

• 3 & 4 year Miniroos
• U6, U7 & U8 — inhouse
• U9 — U11 Komodo, Goanna & Geckos
• U12, Div 1, 2, 3
• U13 SYL, Div 1, 3, 7
• U14 SYL, Div 3, 7
• U15 Div 1, 2, 6
• U16 Div 1, 3
• U18 Div 4
• Dedicated girls teams from U9 — U15
• Women’s City League 3
• Senior Capital 1, Reserves
• Men’s City League 1, 2, 3, 5

WHEN: 28 — 29 January or 4 — 5 February

WHERE: Memorial Park, Bulimba

TIME: 9.00am — 2.00pm.

All players register online at w myfootballclub.com.au

For further enquiries, contact e secretary@southsideeagles.com
We Care...

WeCare is a support program offered to families and staff of the San Sisto College community who are in need of a ‘helping hand’ during times such as illness, death, trauma or other difficult circumstances. This support comes from the San Sisto community who volunteer to assist with the preparation and delivery of meals and the transportation of students to and from school and school-related activities. This is on a roster basis as the need arises.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on the WeCare register (and you have not already done so) or would like more information, please contact the coordinator, Mrs Megan Vardanega on (07) 3900 9800 or email megan.vardanega@bne.catholic.edu.au

If you are in need of care or are aware of a situation that WeCare may be able to assist, please contact either the coordinator or if you would prefer, Shelley Hamilton (Principal) (07) 3900 9800.

(The anonymity of the family in need and the donating families is always protected.)

Join a College Tour
Thursday 9 March at 9 – 10am
Register Online!

We want to hear from you.
Send us your news and we will include it!

Are you a current or past San Sister with news to tell, then we want to hear it? Send us your article and we will share it with the wider San Sisto community.

Also, send us your feedback on your Verigram experience. Positive or negative, all feedback helps us understand what we are doing well, and areas that need improvement.

Send your feedback to Sally Hall, Media and Communications Officer on sally.hall@bne.catholic.edu.au

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