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## PI DAY - WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

On Wednesday March 14 2018 students and staff alike celebrated Pi (Day).

Pi Day is an internationally recognised day promoting the mathematical symbol  $\pi$ . When the circumference of any circle is divided by its diameter, the answer is 3.14159... Because this number goes on forever with no repeating pattern, it needs to be represented by a symbol. The Greek letter  $\pi$  (pi) was chosen for this purpose. It is appropriate that Pi Day is celebrated in the third month on the fourteenth day (3.14), which also happens to be the birthday of Albert Einstein.

The day consisted of music, games and activities at lunchtime. Prizes such as movie tickets and vouchers for the canteen were awarded to the winners. The most popular event was being able to "Pi" a teacher in the face. The challenge was put to students that whoever could memorise at least 30 digits of pi could throw a shaving cream pie at a mathematics teacher of their choice. Nearly one hundred students (and even some staff members!) were inspired to take up the challenge.

The highlight of the lunchtime activities was the challenge to see who could memorise the most digits of pi. Students were required to stand in front of their peers and recite numbers through a microphone. Congratulations to Lachlan Shead, who successfully recited more than 200 digits of pi - a great effort! Two Year 7 students, Jacqueline Ford and Lucas Lotorto, placed second and third.

Overall, it was a fun and successful event that highlighted the fun side to learning Mathematics. The Mathematics faculty intend to continue celebrating Pi Day in the years to come.

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