NEWSLETTER

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ST MARK'S COLLEGE

Staff and students visited the Avanai Community Homes where they assisted with building community houses on the Philippines Immersion

Our pilgrims returned and we had young visitors. The musical is ready to perform and the Research Project results were outstanding. We have impressive Year 10s and triumph and compost.

The Philippines

I spent many nights of the holidays looking over the Facebook page of the Philippines Immersion group. Our students had left on an adventure and I was getting a chance to see and hear their journey. The images created excitement and a connection to an exciting adventure. The pictures and the written commentary spoke of a profound engagement. We saw smiles, connection, poverty and challenge on that Facebook. We saw growing cohesion and unity in a group. We saw them reaching out and then being touched by profound experiences. We saw them engaged in holiness, ritual and singing. There was an enormous sense of hospitality from the Philippine community and we saw our students embrace a wonderful opportunity. I congratulate the staff and students on the manner in which they entered into the experience. Clearly it was deeply touching. There will be a richness for us back in Australia because they have grown as young men and women.

The Research Project Results

The Research Project is a most important journey of scholarship for our Year 12s. It looks to develop their understanding of a particular subject and then teach them about research, data, analysis and evaluation. It is a big project and has been about determination and effort, hours and hours of persistence and producing something significant. There are deep questions asked by the students and that meant deep research to find the answers. What seemed common to every study was the pride the students had in their work. Something important had happened to them as learners. The students had learned something about how to learn and I know that they were empowered by this. They learned skills, learned about how they are as thinkers and what they need to do to produce a quality outcome. Most significantly the results have come back from Adelaide. The projects are externally moderated and this year over 51% of our student were judged as working the A Band. This is fantastic. This is remarkable. This is a measure of competence and determination. Our Year 12s have become determined and competent learners. I congratulate them.

The Musical

We have succeeded in getting a Beauty and Beast and a whole lot of objects and villagers together to create a delightful fairy tale. We have a musical ready to perform. We have entered that frantic, focussed time of a rehearsal period. Lines are learned. The steps of the dances are exact. The sets are ready. The costume working bee is like a hive of activity. The props are painted. The backstage crew are writing notes. We have details, many details and there is a curtain getting ready to go up on the College musical adventure of Beauty and the Beast. We have about 40 actors and an army of support crew. The innocence of Year 6 commitment and the delightful joy of Bosco enthusiasm should make for a wonderful show. We hope everyone gets a chance to see it. The Benedict community are attending matinee performances and the Bosco students get a chance to join the adults in the evening ($10.00 tickets). The show will be a celebration of a whole school creative determination.

Year 10 Work Experience

The Year 10 Work Experience initiative has been an outstanding success. Over 100 young people immersed themselves into the commercial and business life of our community. They learned a little about the functioning of an office or an industry. They learned a little about small business, education, health services,

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KEY DATES

Beauty and the Beast Musical
Northern Festival Centre
Monday 5 August - Bump In
Tuesday 6 August - Rehearsal

Public Performance Times:
Wednesday 7 August, 7.30pm

Thursday 8 August, 10.30am and 7.30pm

Friday 9 August, 10.30am and 7.30pm

Sports Council
Tuesday 6 August, 7.30pm

Crystal Brook Show
Saturday 10 August

SH Parents' Council
Sunday 11 August, 7.30pm

ReLAT Practice Week
from Monday 12 August

Feast of the Assumption College Mass (R-12)
Thursday 15 August
Good Sam Hall, 10am
All Welcome

Mr Hay with the 'Compost Team' Cohen, Adam, Brodie and Morrie

building and working with adults. It was fantastic for them, and we are very grateful for the community support. Following this, I had a phone call from one of the sponsors. He spoke to me about his Year 10 student and the impact that he had. "I gave him a few hours of paid work in the holidays," the manager of Café Primo told me. "He was so good I've given him a job." He told me about the student's competence, good manners, initiative and resourcefulness. "He was so good." Cameron Williams has brought credit to the school and his family.

Mini Marks
We had some visitors to the farm and they saw it is looking truly beautiful at the moment. The cereal crop is rich and green. The animals are in good shape. The gentle rhythm of farm life is evident and a perfect setting to invite exploration by 70 under 5 year old Port Pirie citizens. We have a holiday program called Mini Marks and the young ones are invited. It is a play group situation and during this July session there was a march down to the farm for a visit. The children were astonished at the animals. They were thrilled at the chance to make contact. The laughed at the smells. They offered those hungry goats plenty of grass to eat. They were beautifully managed by our Early Learning teachers. My thanks to those staff who created this wonderful opportunity.

The Compost Team
I received a letter the other day. It was from four Year 7s: Cohen, Morrie, Brodie and Adam. It was after they had addressed the litter issue with some research and approached the Executive Team with a request. They had measured carefully the amount of potential compost that was being thrown away. The research technique was done through getting all organic material out of the bins and weighing it. They washed their hands and then they produced data. They produced an argument for getting organic material back into the soil. They searched for a solution. The answer was Compost Bins. They gave a formal presentation to the leadership of the College and they then had to find some funds. The following letter appeared.

Dear Miss Gadaleta and Mr Hay

The funding for the compost bins have been approved by the P + F. We are now moving into the next phase. Just giving you a heads up.

Kind regards, the Compost Team

The Compost Team had somehow managed to secure an $800.00 grant from the P+F. It was extraordinary generosity from our Parents group and now action is happening and an environmental stance is being taken.

Football Triumph
There was a particular pride in a recent football win. The senior boys played in a series of knockout matches in the Pool B of around 50 schools in South Australia. We were victorious. We won our State wide knockout competition. It is a tremendous achievement but more important than the score was the manner in which the boys played. They concentrated on the game. They were tough and hard. They respected their opponents. They didn't compromise but played with a level of sportsmanship that made us all very proud. There are plenty of footy stories where someone makes a mistake, or someone doesn't think, but in our case the boys were superb. Fighting tough and united it was a great sporting moment for St Mark's.

Greg Hay, **Principal**

Charlotte and Aislynn as Gaston and Belle at the Musical Sleepover

Religious Education

From the APRIM

SRC Liturgy
Last week we acknowledged and celebrated the election of our new SRC's for Semester 2.

These students are seen by their peers as being good role models and having all the qualities of a good leader.

Fr Jimmy and Mr Hay along with school captain Millie Tubb, presented our newly elected candidates with their badges. Congratulations to all our new class SRC's for this semester.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Semester 1 SRC's for their hard work and commitment shown during last semester. These students were also acknowledged and received certificates during our liturgy.

A special thank you to the many family members who attended to show their support of our Semester 2 SRC's.

Benedict Masses
Year 3 Blue prepared a beautiful Mass this week. Their theme was "Being Thankful."

A few students have written some reflections.

I am thankful for God, Love, the Earth, food and water. **Chloe, 3 Blue**

I am thankful for my family, the clouds that rain, for nature, houses to live in and the bright yellow sun. **Sahana, 3 Blue**

I am thankful for the rain, the trees that grow and the green grass to play sport on. **Lachlan, 3 Blue**

I am thankful for the Murray River, the Flinders Ranges, schools and ice cream. **Lewis, 3 Blue**

I am thankful for pretty rainbows, sunsets, trees that grow food and the oceans. **Lilly, 3 Blue**

On Thursday 15 August we will celebrate as an R-12 school community the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Mass will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall at 10.00am. All welcome!

Altar Servers
Last term Deacon Gary Stokes began training some very keen Year 4 and 6 students to become altar servers. Deacon Gary prepared the students during lunch times and some have been fortunate to already have had the experience of serving at both school and parish Masses. We wish our new altar servers well as they undertake this new and valuable ministry. We thank Deacon Gary for being part of this process, sharing his knowledge and guiding the students.

Our new altar servers are: Jacob Kumar, Tate Anderson, Eva Christiansen-Lauder, Mae Caspers, Alex Spolding, Alyssa Paparella, Ryan Pole and Louis San Gabriel.

Year 10 Community Service
As a part of a Community Service Task our Year 10 Religion students will undertake a voluntary role where they will participate in 2 hours of service in their local community.

At St Mark's College we value and respect the dignity of each person and through this task our students will develop their personal qualities in:

- Care and Compassion
- Doing their best
- Freedom
- Honesty and Trustworthiness
- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility and
- Understanding, tolerance and inclusion

The students will research the areas of need in their local communities such as poverty, disability and aged care, and together with their Religion teacher, they will reach out to an organisation who dedicates their time to an area of personal interest.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we wish them all the best as they embark on their Community Service experience.

Pia Keain and Fiona Clarke,
Religious Education Coordinators

Hunter and Kailee

Bailey and Jett

Amaliyah and Caprie

Amarli and Leo

BENEDICT CAMPUS

T3 Reception Rest Days
Wednesday 7 August
Wednesday 14 August

Little Lions
Session 2- Friday 9 August
Session 3- Friday 16 August

Science Week
Monday 12 - Friday 16 August

Feast of the Assumption College Mass (R-12)
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Good Sam Hall, 10am
All Welcome

Interschool Winter Carnival Year 6 and 7
Friday 16 August

RAVE Dance Workshops and Performance
Friday 16 August

From the Deputy Principal

New Students
The first day of Term 3 was full of excitement and joy across all year levels.

We have welcomed Tarisai Winders into 4 Red and Nikki Thompson into 6 Green, we hope they enjoy their schooling here at St. Mark's.

The Magdalen Centre was buzzing with the new Receptions joining the classes. We welcomed Aubrey, Carys, Charleigh, Eric, Finlay, Fraser, Indiana, Ivy, Liam, Luke, Oliver and Owen into our classes. We hope you experience success and excellence throughout your time with us.

Supervision
A friendly reminder to supervise children attending sport trainings. There should be no students wandering around the school after being dismissed from classes. Siblings of students should be waiting with parents and not on playgrounds around the school. Teachers do not adequately supervise students during these times and these areas are out of bounds. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Year 5 Excursion
On Friday 26 July our Year 5s ventured into the Flinders Ranges.

The Year 5 excursion was by far the best excursion I've been on. We got to go on a hike on Mount Remarkable and go on the Pichi Richi which was fun. **Declan, 5 Blue**

On our excursion, we went to Quorn to go on the Pichi Richi. The girls had one carriage and the boys has another carriage. 5 boys couldn't fit on the carriage so they came to our carriage and went out to the open area. **Amahli, 5 Blue**

In our excursion, we went to Melrose and went in a museum. Then we climbed Mt. Remarkable to the war monument following was the Pichi Richi which was the best part. Woolshed Flat wasn't too bad either. **Sanyam, 5 Blue**

The Year 5 excursion was to Melrose, we climbed Mt. Remarkable, went to a museum, caught the Pichi Richi to Woolshed flat to have lunch and came back home on the bus. **Taylah, 5 Green**

On our excursion we went to a Museum it showed us the history of Melrose and in the Museum there was a prison. It was very interesting to see. **Daniella, 5 Green**

My favourite parts were the Museum and Woolshed Flat. At the Museum we saw things from the 19th and early 20th Century. I sat next to Deklin on the bus. **Michael, 5 Green**

Something I liked about the Year 5 excursion was going to the Pichi Richi. We got to see the view at the back of the train. It was fun. **Lacie, 5 Green**

On our excursion we walked up a trail to go to the monument. It was white and large and the view was stunning. We also went on the Pichi Richi we got to put our head out the window and there was a bridge that was 200m below. We also went to Woolshed Flat it was very dry and I ate soursobs. We played with the footy and had a big photo with everyone. **Sam, 5 Green**

On the 26 July all the Year 5s went on their excursion to Pichi Richi and Melrose. We all jumped on the bus and headed to Melrose. At Melrose we went on a walk to Mount Remarkable and went to the museum. After that we headed to Pichi Richi. When we got there we hopped on the train and had some fun and looked at the scenery. After we finished we had lunch and played some games. We headed back and everyone was tired. **Kallie, 5 Red**

On the Year 5 excursion we went to Melrose to go on a hike to a monument. We also went to the local museum to see the history of Melrose. After that we went to Quorn to catch the Pichi Richi to Woolshed Flat to eat lunch. After that we caught the bus back to school. **Kale, 5 Red**

Benedict Expo
On Wednesday 31 July we opened our classroom up for parents to come and view students learning. We had an overwhelming success with many parents taking the opportunity to visit their child/ren's classroom/s.

Semester 2 SRC Leaders
Congratulations to our new SRC Leaders and thank you to our Semester 1 SRC's who have provided great leadership!

How I felt when I got my SRC Badge...
I felt pretty good and excited when I got my SRC badge. **Jacob, 6 Blue**

I felt excited and nervous. I felt like I was going to have a lot of responsibilities on my hand. **Caprie, 6 Blue**

I felt excited. **Fletcher, Reception Gold**

I felt good. I got to shake people's hands. **Jayah, Reception Gold**

It made me feel good. I am happy that people thought I am responsible enough to be the class SRC. **Joseph, 4 Red**

I felt excited and glad because people thought I was good enough to be SRC. **Emily, 4 Red**

Assembly
There will be no assembly in Week 3 this Term due to the Musical. We will hold the assembly on Wednesday in Week 4, 6 and 9 at 11:20am.

Sarah Freer,
Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

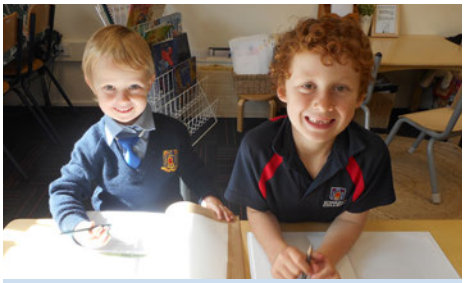
Benedict Campus

First Day for Mid-Year Receptions

Fruit time in Reception Gold- Astrid, Finlay, Ivy, Isabelle and Olivia

Reception Blue were excited to meet their new classmates

Reception Green showed their new classmates the Nature Garden



Max (right) helping Fraser on his first day

Benedict Expo

Ronan with his parents, Johan and Maxie

Zac shows his Mum Cindy some of his work

Isabel with her mum, Deneen

Henry with his mum, Sarah

Angus with his mum, Kellee

Bailey with his parents, Colin and Natalie

Congratulations

Semester 2 SRC Leaders

6 Red	Tate Anderson and Jayden Hawkins
6 Blue	Caprie Algie and Jacob Possignham
6 Green	Willow Swearse and Trey Luteria
5 Red	Kyleah Dunstall and Jackson Raftery
5 Blue	Finley Roberts and Sanyam Saharan
5 Green	Leila Blight and Kobe Wright
4 Red	Emily Court and Joseph Caldarola
4 Blue	Lilli Yiannoulis and Jake Lavis
3 Red	Indee White and Zac Kotaras
3 Blue	Elise Yarrow and Bailey Ferme
2 Red	Olivia Yarrow and Riley Pisani-Yuke
2 Blue	Mae Pendry and Jace Bellifemini
1 Red	Amara Sanchez and Miller Smith
1 Blue	Rahdy Spooner and Isaiah Williams
Rec. Green	Lucy Fay and Oliver Pelligrini
Rec. Red	Sophie Bath and Hudson McBride
Rec. Blue	Harper Sard and Jag McCarthy
Rec. Gold	Jayah Scarce-Evans and Fletcher Reddaway

Amarli with her mum, Kellie

Benedict Campus

SRC LITURGY: Congratulations to our Semester 2 SRC Leaders

EXCURSION: Jack, Aspen, Jonathan, Isaiah and Flyn at the Melrose Swinging Bridge

EXCURSION: Poppy, Evelyn and Maelie admiring the view

SRC: Caprie is congratulated by Mr Hay

EXCURSION: Leighton leading the bush walk at Mambray Creek

EXCURSION: Year 3s having fun at Port Germein

EXCURSION: Grace, Amarlee and Indee at Mambray Creek

SRC: We thanked our Semester 1 SRC's

EXCURSION: Cooper, Bailey, Tyron, Declan and Zackary helping direct the Pichi Richi

RAVE: Final rehearsal for the RAVE Dance Competition

BOSCO CAMPUS

From the Deputy Principal

Academic Excellence
Our first Bosco Campus assembly this term acknowledged those students who worked hard to achieve academic excellence during Semester 1. The following students were awarded with a certificate from our Principal Mr Hay. Please join with me in congratulating:

YEAR 7: Ella Clements, Isabella Martlew, Zara Bowman, Zara Clark, Angus Forster, Meg Hall, Jemma Kelly and Addison Roberts

YEAR 8: Ayeisha Everett, Holly Gulin, Anna Page and Sophie Wilson

YEAR 9: Ryan Finlay, Eliza Mezzino, Aleisha Carmody, Ella Dunbar, Tom Fox and Tyla McNamara

YEAR 10: Samuel Burgess, Eve Clark, Meg Kelly, Miranda Baker, Tahlia Fahey, Jordan Ganley, Cameron Honeyman and Jessica Williams

YEAR 11: Clayton Agnew, Matthew Fawcett, Sophie Millard, Lucy O'Dea, Jesse Smith, Sophie Hall and Amelia Smart

YEAR 12: Isabella Arbon, Louise Arthur, Maygan Barkla, Amy Burgess, Sarah Newman, Brooke Smith, Clem Stanley and Scarlette Thoman

Celebrating Outstanding Attendance
Student success is strongly connected to their attendance and access to the school curriculum. As a College, we are committed to educational excellence. We congratulate our Outstanding Attendance Award Recipients:

YEAR 7: Zara Clark, Eliza Harris, Isabella Martlew and Kloe Tyler

YEAR 8: Harper Bridley, Keeley Greatorex, Daisy Gulin, Blake Hanley, Ethan Keeley, Eliza Lines, Khemer Jones Macatangay, Jazlyn McBride, Tate Noble, Ethan Park, Aslin Spolding, Liam Tyler and Mia Williams

YEAR 9: Charlee Benton, Harrison Farrugia, Ryder Hayes, Ryan Hunt, Chelsea Petagna, Lucinda Smith, Melia Thompson and Lucy Watt

YEAR 10: Jordan Ganley, Flynn Hayes, Cameron Honeyman, Holly Roseberg, Laura Watt and Nicholas Wilsdon

YEAR 11: Darcy Connor, Chloe Hillier, Lillian Keain, Grayson Roseberg and Amelia Smart

YEAR 12: Jack Dickeson, Caitlin Gaudio, Benjamin Ibele, Crenie Kumar and Scarlette Thoman

Year 12 Research Project
Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who have now completed their Research Project. The College was extremely pleased with their results. 37 students achieved an overall result in the 'A' band, 15.8% above the South Australian average. It was also pleasing to see a diversity of research topics studied by the students. All students assessed in Semester 1 were successful in completing this compulsory Stage 2 subject. As we progress further into the richness of Year 12, I encourage our students to remain diligent with their application and study routine.

Philippines Immersion
There was laughter. There were tears. There was excitement. There was growth.

Our time in the Philippines was enriching and challenging. Throughout our journey, we made new friends, experienced the greatest of hospitality and were reminded that happiness comes from within, not from our possessions.

The importance of family was demonstrated and the need to serve others experienced. We were faced with the holiness of life, but also the harsh realities that exist.

We learnt the importance of being the first to give and the last to receive.

Importantly, our faith was strengthened.

Art Work
To start Term 3 off, the Bosco Student Office has been freshened up with a new collection of student art work. The pieces selected for display were created by Year 8 students; Anna Page, Chloe Mummery, Ella Clark, Grace McBride and Madeline Dix. They were created using acrylics on pasteboard, with each art piece being carefully hand painted. The artists have displayed a fantastic use of light and shading. The vibrant colours also add a colourful dimension to the Student office!

Marc Forster,

Madeleine, Anna, Grace, Ella and the Creative Arts Captain Amy with the new artwork on display in the Bosco Student Office

Bosco Parent Teacher Interviews, Year 7 - 11
Wednesday 14 August
BGC, 4.00 - 8.00pm

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Bosco Campus

Philippines Immersion

Fr Harold, Jennah, Tilly and Georgia bonding with the locals

A Filipino feast

Trixie and Quinn with the Filipino children

Working hard at the community housing project

Our Lady of EDSA Shrine in Manilla

Celebrating mass with Fr Harold

News from Agriculture

Sheep and Cattle Ed Day

On Friday 26 July, Year 10 and 11 Agriculture students attended the Gum View and Gotta-Do-Well Charolais Cattle and Jamestown A. H. + F. Show Soc Inc Sheep and Cattle Education Day.

The students learned how to prepare and handle both steers and merino wethers for the upcoming Crystal Brook and Royal Adelaide shows. This is the first time St Mark's College will be entering Merino wethers in the Adelaide Show and the firsthand knowledge and experience gained from the Education Day will be extremely useful when presenting our sheep at the Show. Students also learned how to visually assess both the steers and whethers, as well as learning skills in Ram judging and fleece judging.

The Grower Books

This set of books were proudly donated by John Nicoletti to enable young Australians to connect with where their food and fibre comes from. As an adolescent John left home with $200 to his name and carved out a great life for himself in agriculture. John is walking proof that anything is possible and hopes that, through these books, he can inspire the farmers of tomorrow by highlighting the importance of Australia's agriculture industry and the amazing career opportunities it provides.

What a great donation, for which we are extremely grateful.

Elke Holze, **Senior Agriculture Teacher**

Jack, Harry, Georgina, Patrick and Lucy with the donated books

Working with the Merino Sheep

A great day of learning for the agriculture students

Around the College

Beauty and the Beast Sleepover

The Cast of Beauty and the Beast

'Oh what a guy that Gaston!'

Matilda and Caitlin are part of the villagers

Belle (Aislynn) wanders through the village

Babette (Ebony), Lumiere (Ayeisha), Mrs Potts (Alyx) and Chip (Jacob)

Lefou (Aslin) and Gaston (Charlotte)

The ensemble have been working hard

Lumiere (Ayeisha) and Cogsworth (Jonas)

Belle (Aislynn) and the Book Keeper (Holly)

Mini Mark's visits McNally Farm

Spencer, Avery and James enjoying a story

Feeding the steer

Checking out the baby lambs

COMMUNITY NEWS

Photography Competition and Workshops:

St Mark's College has been registered as a participating school in the Southern Flinders Ranges Photo Festival. Budding photographers in all year levels (R-12) are invited to enter the Student Photo Competition for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. There will be one prize winner from each participating school (a Fuji Instax Mini Kit), as well as grand prize winner (an Olympus Touch TG-5 valued at $599).

As part of the festival, two student workshops will also be held during the October school holidays. The cost of each workshop is $45 per student. Places are limited.
- High school (Years 8-12): Thursday 10 October
- Primary school (Years R-7): Tuesday 1 October

Cost of entry is $3 per image. Entries close August 30. To submit entries and for more information about both the competition and workshops visit www.sfrphotocontest.com.au

Megan Congdon, **Visual Arts Teacher**

College Sport

St Mark's College were victorious as Premiers in the Open Boys Statewide Knock Out Football

Leo won the Chris Brown Medal for Best on Ground

Charlie represented St Mark's Football when he was named Mini Leaguer of the Week, and was interviewed by Rhett Biglands at the SANFL Game in Port Pirie

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Community Notices

Pet Competition

It is time to get your entries in to the Crystal Brook Show pet section. If you think your pet is something special (and aren't they all?) there are plenty of great prizes to be won in a number of categories in this year's show on August 10 from Best Cat, Best Dog, Best Bird, Best Reptile and lots more.

For more information contact:
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or E: secretary.cbshow@gmail.com
or Katie Hallett-Patterson, M: 0417 080 683

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