Welcome to the Polding House Newsletter

It has been a fun filled start to the year being a part of the Polding community. I began teaching here this year, but come with great memories of being part of Polding during my school life.

It is a pleasure to be working with a motivated student leadership team, with representatives from each year level. So far, they have facilitated many college activities including Sports Day, house celebrations and fundraising events, whilst also contributing their ideas during house meetings.

One of the most recent initiatives has been their support for Kiribati. Students were recorded reading story books, which were then uploaded onto devices which will be given/shown to the children. It was heart-warming to see students having input into the lives of those less fortunate.

This expression of giving and leadership I hope will continue for the rest of the year.

Hannah Combe

What it means to be a house leader – A note from the House Captains

It is an honour and privilege to be a house leader, especially in my final year of schooling. I was elected the Polding house captain and as part of the leadership group we will strive to do our best to make the school community a harmonious place incorporating enjoyable experiences for all individuals who attend our college. Having such an important position in the school also means we are role models for many of the students around us and must endeavour to set the example of the school. Being a house leader is also a good learning experience providing a fun atmosphere for the development of us as individuals.

Trent Baker

Catholic Education Week

My name is Chloe Coleman and I am the Year 9 House Representative. In week 3, St Mark’s celebrated Catholic Education week. In the lead up to this event, we held a house meeting to brainstorm different fundraising ideas to support Catholic Missions. One of the ideas was a cake stall. I donated 60 mini cheesecakes and many other student representatives donated a range of cakes and biscuits. We sold the food during recess and lunch. It was a huge success, raising over $250.00 for Catholic Missions.

Chloe Coleman

Catholic Education week started on Monday 6th May and ran for the whole week. It was a week of fun, donations, reflection and prayer in which students participated in many activities including a cake stall and ‘throw the sponge at the teacher’. Donations were made to help further the great work of Catholic Missions in the community. Thank you to all students who donated and participated for this good cause.

Noah Waters
Settling into St Mark’s College - A note from the Year 8 House Representatives  

My names Grayson Roseberg and I’m the Year 8 Polding House Representative. I came from Risdon Park Primary school so settling into St Mark’s has been a change. It has great facilities; I especially like the music room because they have a range of instruments and rooms to practice. The science lessons are interesting and I love working in the labs with the different science equipment. I only knew a couple of people when I started but I have enjoyed meeting new people and making friends in my grade. I chose to apply to be a house representative because I was a house leader at Risdon and I really enjoyed it. It is different here because we do a lot with different things in the school, like regular meetings and discussing how we can make a difference in the school. I am looking forward to the rest of the year, experiencing new things and representing Polding.

Grayson Roseberg  

When I first started high school, I was really excited as I knew it was a big step forward in my life. Although, I was anxious and nervous as well. I was worried about getting lost, the work being too hard, lockers, new rooms, new teachers, missing old friends, meeting new people, having new subjects, having to be the youngest students in the school, just the usual things everyone worries about. But when my first day finally came I realised that there was nothing to worry about, and I like my teachers, I have made many new friends from other schools, lockers aren’t as hard as people make our they are, the new subjects are fun and most importantly I learnt that high school is where you make lots of you memories and I am really enjoying going to St Mark’s College so far.

Lucy Pennell  

Polding House Liturgy  

On Friday in Week 6, every Polding student attended a Liturgy that took part in the Bosco Chapel where we celebrated our Patron, John Bede Polding. Polding founded the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in Sydney, whom later arrived in Port Pirie and became responsible for the administration of St Mark’s College. He has had a huge influence on St Mark’s College which is why we are named ‘Polding’ House.

After the Liturgy, we had a cake to celebrate and to honour John Bede Polding.

Alexandra Gove  

Sports Day  

On Friday the 4th of March St Mark’s College Bosco Campus held its annual Sports Day. The day began with an impressive flash mob organised and presented by a group of Year 12 girls, interrupting Mr Hay’s speech. On the day students dressed up in their team colours, tried their best and competed with a sense of House spirit. Through the day, the scores remained close, however, at the end of the day Gallagher cemented their place at the top with their third win in a row, finishing ahead of McNally, with Bosco and Polding close behind.

Natasha Williams