Welcome to the Polding House Newsletter

Caregroup Cup
Throughout the term, caregroups in Polding House have competed in the Caregroup Cup Challenge. This consisted of participating in a variety of activities, some including; house mascot dress up, mini Olympics, match the pictures, guess the book and movie title, house quiz, word boggle, colouring competition, Literary dress up and tug-of-war. The caregroup cup was an endevour to build house spirit whilst participating in a fun and friendly competition.

Hannah Combe, Year 12 House Leader

Caregroup Cup - Tally Board
Caregroup Cup was a fun way to build House spirit by working through a number of team activities throughout the weeks. All caregroups were actively involved which made the scoreboard exciting. Due to unforeseen weather, the final Caregroup Cup activity was cancelled. Therefore, the winner will be determined and announced early next term. The current leaderboard is shown below.

First Place - P1 on 30 points
Second Place - P3 on 29 points
Third Place - P5 on 28 points
Fourth Place - P2 on 26 points
Fifth Place - P4 on 19 points

The close scores show the dedication, determination, enthusiasm and healthy competition from Polding teachers and students. I look forward to the result next term.

Courtney Smith, Polding House Leader

Father Dennis Handley Cup
On Wednesday the 10th of August, Week 3, St Mark’s College participated in the annual Father Dennis Handley Cup. It is a competition where our College competes against teams from Xavier College in three sporting events, including soccer, football and netball. Xavier won the Cup as they won the soccer and football shields. All in all, the day was held with great school spirit and sportsmanship from both sides.

Trent Baker and Anthony Oliphant
Year 12 and 11 House Representatives

I was fortunate enough to participate in the Year 11 netball team during the Father Dennis Handley Cup. Overall, the netballers did very well, winning 4 out of 5 games and therefore winning the netball shield. Although St Mark’s College didn’t win overall, it was a great day representing the school in a range of sporting events.

Natasha Williams, Year 11 House Representative

Feast of the Assumption R-12 Mass
The whole campus joined together on Monday of week 4 to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis had called for organisers, businesses and schools to plant a tree as a monument for the Year of Mercy. I, on behalf of the YCS planted a Fig tree, which has a symbolic meaning ‘the fig is sometimes used in place of the apple as the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It may also be used as a symbol of lust or fertility because of its many seeds.’ The Mass was joyous and significant to the Catholic Church and School Community.

Leo Taylor, Year 9 Polding Student

UPCOMING EVENTS:
TERM 4 BEGINS
Monday 17th October
Bosco Campus

YEAR 11 HOUSE LEADER NOMINATION
Friday 21st October

HOUSE ASSEMBLY
FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 12S
Friday 28th October
Bosco Chapel
SIVA Tour
St Mark’s College was fortunate enough to be involved in a culturally rich experience during Week 5 when a group of Samoan visitors came to spend some time with us. During their time here, our visitors were entertained by a range of activities including; a quiz night, hosted by Miss Bordignon and Miss Foley. The quiz included a range of questions relating to Australia and also Samoa, and with Minute to Win It games between rounds for extra fun. The visitors really enjoyed the night and were so energetic when participating in games. We also held activities at school including soccer and touch football matches, they’re really great at sport too. Our visitors also offered us a range of activities, one being classroom visits where a small group came into classes to teach us about their culture. We were also spoilt with a grand performance of traditional Samoan songs and dancing, it was amazing. I particularly enjoyed the time they spent with us at the boarding house where we had dinner together each night. The visit was a great experience and we enjoyed learning about their culture.

Chloe Coleman, Year 9 House Representative

Year 9 Retreat
Year 9 Retreat was held at the Port Football Club on Wednesday the 15th September. A religious volunteer group of young people called NET facilitated the day which was focused on peer pressure. Throughout the day there were many different activities from reflecting in small groups to playing trust related games. The Year 9 students enjoyed the day a lot and thought it was a very enlightening, fun and religious day.

Noah Waters, Year 9 House Representative

Crystal Brook Show
The schools Agricultural teachers and students have been very busy in term 3, where we represented St Mark’s College at the Adelaide Show and Crystal Brook Show. At the Crystal Brook Show, I was part of a team of 6 students who were responsible for leading 3 steers; Apollo the Red Angus, Billy the Murray Grey and Titus the Short Horn. We all participated in different judging and Apollo was awarded Grand Champion, with Billy winning Reserve Champion. We were all happy with the final result.

Alexandra Gove, Year 9 House Representative

Year 8 Retreat
On the Thursday of Week 4, the Year 8s went to Port Germein on their first high school Retreat. Even though the weather wasn’t very good, a lot of us enjoyed the day. To start the day off, we had a Liturgy and then went and participated in a series of team building games such as trying to decorate a page with only one crayon and going on a scavenger hunt around Port Germein. Throughout the day we got a chance to mingle with other Year 8s and make new friends whilst working as a team to achieve different goals. It was a great day.

Grayson Roseberg, Year 8 House Representative

Literary Dress Up Day
Come as your favourite film/screen character. Polding staff and students participating in the fun!

SIVA Tour Performance
Students watched in amazement the talent of our Samoan visitors

Adelaide Show
Polding Student, Alexandra Gove and Apollo the red angus, representing St Mark’s College

Father Dennis Handley Cup
Polding students James Boston and Cooper Boardfoot representing St Mark’s College in Football
Father Dennis Handley Cup
Polding student Merina Caputo representing St Mark’s College in Netball

Caregroup Cup Mascot
Year 12 students were dressed by their caregroup to resemble our mascot, the wolf, using recycled materials

Feast of the Assumption R-12 Mass
Polding student, Theo Dimou planting a tree with a Benidict student

Polding Mini Olympics
Noodle Javelin proved to be harder than it looked as students participated for points toward the caregroup cup

Polding Year 12s
We will farewell our year 12s during a House Assembly early Term 4

Caregroup Cup and Polding Pride
LEFT: Caregroup Cup trophy, being announced in Term 4
RIGHT: Polding pride as Yr 12 students play House Sports