Blessing of the Fleet and Debutante Ball

The Blessing of the Fleet and the Debutante Ball is a festivity sponsored by the Port Pirie Italian Committee. It celebrates faith, heritage and the potential of youth. It is a wonderful occasion for me to attend as I saw 18 of our Year 11s presented in dazzling white gowns or black suits, and then shared a Eucharist, a Marian procession and a boat ride with them. It was a precious time. It was a time for family and abundant Italian food, costume, dance and hospitality. On the Saturday evening the students and their families stepped into a transcendent world of a fairy tale ball. It was gracious and serene. They were elegant and poised, sophisticated and innocently radiant. I was proud of them and feel so very grateful that the College is honoured through an invitation.

The Port Pirie Italian Committee manages our students beautifully and we have a great deal of gratitude to Vianna Fasciano, Roslyn Giancaspro, Melissa Gadaleta and Dino and Elizabeth Gadaleta. They gave our students the opportunity for grace. Not only the gracefulness of a presentation to Port Pirie society but the grace of supporting their growing spirituality through the Mass and a boat ride for a blessing. There was elegance, holiness and shuffling down the street with the statue of Mary as this unified Molfetese, and our wonderful (exhausted) students reminded me of the blessings of God in Port Pirie.

Our Debutantes stunned Port Pirie society. Our Year 9s revelled in challenge. Great sporting endeavours ended in glory or pain and then McNally triumphed. We implemented plans for a special building at Benedict and the McNally Farm is festooned in blue ribbons and there is lots of poured concrete around.

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp unfolded in all the energy and impulsiveness that makes such a camp so much fun. Our young people embraced the moments of adventure and community. They seemed so well managed by the teachers and the program was really challenging and worthwhile. They rode bikes, climbed towers, attacked a 'confidence course' and confronted their sense of limitation. The teachers created a connection with the students which was warm and caring, teasing and nurturing. Fantastic really and the teachers will have achieved that small increment of change, that important personal growth with so many Year 9s. I could see the achievement of it in the fatigue in their faces as they all returned. They had shared something important. The experience will add to the powerful formation processes of the school. It was an important school camp.

The Sports Assembly and Coaches Gathering

On Tuesday morning in Week 10, the whole school gathered at Benedict to celebrate sport, excellence and achievement. There was a sense of gratitude to coaches about their contribution. We had sporting awards and presented medallions and spoke acknowledgements. We applauded State Representatives. The Grand Finalists got a cheer. Mark Allan, as Alsanto Sports Council Sponsor, awarded trophies. We had Troy Condon, father of Matt, Emily and
Sam talk about his experience as a parent of an elite athlete and we heard about Emily’s dreams and goals and reality. (Emily is at the moment training with the Matilda’s Under 20 side). Troy was charming and mentioned the commitment of all parents in their children’s sport. He mentioned the kilometres travelled. I spoke about a proverb in my address: ‘Players win games. coaches win people’. More than how many goals have been scored this year, in victory or defeat, the triumph was in the manner in which our young sportsmen and women have strived. Our victory, of nearly all of the 1000 in the room, is that they have become someone better because of parents and coaches and sport. More than anything our coaches have won people. They have grown our young people through competition and chasing around a ball. Coaches have taught our young people about courage, teamwork, respect for others, resilience, concentration and fun. The sporting program at the College is about growing those qualities. Our wonderful coaches built and nurtured students (and we earned some silverware along the way).

A Building Development
As part of our ongoing improvement plans at the College there will be a renovation in the Benedict Early Years precinct. This is connected to our larger Master Plan and we are developing a refreshed, contemporary learning space. The builders are coming in over the holidays to create a space that supports current educational theory and that will increase the learning opportunities for children in the early years. The teachers in four classrooms are madly moving out in preparation. We are enclosing the existing shelter area and are refitting the classrooms. There will be learning breakout spaces just outside the classrooms. The College is very excited about the developments. We will open the spaces so that there are visual connections between teachers and classes. We will have the opportunity of a break out space to facilitate flexibility in learning. We will have a space that is inviting and creative and inspiring.

Benedict Sports Day
The gala sporting event of the term must surely be the Benedict Sports Day. It was a celebration and an inspiration and a battle for victory all rolled into one. The preparation of the teachers, the commitment of the students, the cheering crowds, and the organisation of the events was quite spectacular. There was that innocent effort of the younger students and the focus and ferocity of the older. There was the valiant teamwork of the relay runners and the determined striving of the sprinters. There were batons passed and balls tunnelled, kicked and thrown. There were relays: ladder, star, straight and arch. There were desperate efforts to win points for a House and the proud pinning of ribbons to shorts. Parents cheered, the generous

School Transport Review
Our community has been invited to participate in an online survey regarding the State Government’s School Transport Policy. Would you please consider completing the survey (about 10 minutes). There are some issues of transport to consider. You will help to inform a new policy.

Please follow the link below to the survey web page where you will find the survey link. Simply click on “Complete the School Transport Policy Survey 2014”.

From the APRIM

A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation.
The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2014-2015 challenges us to look at the place of sport in our lives. Pope Francis says: The bond between the Church and the world of sport is a beautiful reality that has strengthened over time, for the Ecclesial community sees in sports a powerful instrument for the integral growth of the human person. Engaging in sports, in fact, raises us to go beyond ourselves and our own interests in a healthy way; it trains the spirit in sacrifice and, if it is organised well, it fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations, friendship, and respect for rules.

More information can be found at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

A Prayer for Good Sports

God of all sports: from our small minds, how amused you must be when our prayers about sport are about own success or our teams’. Whose side are you on? How do you choose when supporters from both sides implore your divine intervention? Remind us that in prayer our hearts are opened to you and our minds lifted beyond ourselves. Just as prayer changes us, not you, O God, so sport too, can lift us beyond ourselves. So, we pray: We give thanks for the gift of our bodies, for the ability to run, walk, jump, swim, catch and throw. We pray for patience and discipline, that we may learn the joy of mastering new skills: achieving success, and cheerfully bearing failure in the company of others. We pray that our relationships be enriched through the friendships we form. May we learn to include others across borders of language, colour, gender and religion. We pray that we care for others. May we especially look out for those who are differently abled, and those often left on the boundaries. Through our vigilance may we always play fair, and ensure that no one is abused or exploited. We ask this through Jesus your son, Amen.

Melissa Gadaleta, APRIM

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**Student Uniform Update and Parent Survey**

As you may be aware SPORTSCENE SUPER WAREHOUSE are now the sole supplier of our St Mark’s College uniform. We are very excited to be working closely with Mark, Jackie and the team from Sportscene. Their experience, long history with very good suppliers and excellent customer service will make for a strong partnership with the College. We are confident that Sportscene will do their very best to make sure our uniform is of the highest quality and offers great value to our parents.

The new College logo will now start to become available on the student uniform. Sportscene have already received sports polo’s and jackets with the new logo. A new microfiber sports short has also been added as an option to the PE Uniform and is now available for sale.

As a result of the process of transitioning the new College logo on the uniform there will be some temporary supply difficulties which we have been assured are a priority for both the manufacturer and Sportscene.

**New orders have been placed with the following expected delivery dates:**

- **Boys Short Sleeve Shirt** – November 2014
- **Boys Long Sleeve Shirt** – February 2015
- **Girls Long Sleeve Shirt** – December 2014
- **College Jumper** – January 2015
- **Girls Winter Skirt** – March 2015

We wish to remind parents that the new St Mark’s uniform with the old logo can be worn indefinitely. Please note Sportscene have limited stock of the above with the old logo at this point in time however they have good stock of the Sports uniform and the School uniform which doesn’t have the College logos eg shorts, trousers, summer dresses, etc.

The Uniform Committee will also be distributing a Student Uniform Survey to parents electronically during Week 3 of Term 4. This survey will also be made available in hard copy from the front offices. The aim of the survey is to seek feedback from parents on any future improvements to the current student uniform options. We value Parent feedback and encourage your participation in this survey. Survey results will be published on the school website.

Dominic LoBasso, Business Manager

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**Year 7 and 8 Bring Your Own Device Program 2015**

Following significant months of research by the ICT team a decision was made to select the ACER Switch 10 Pro tablet as the device for the BYOD program. The device will include: Office 365 (Both Home and School Use), Three Year On Site Warranty and a Free Hard Case

A parent session is planned for early in Term 4 for parents/students to view the device. Correspondence will also be sent out to parents of (Year 7 and 8’s in 2015) early in Term 4 detailing the cost and asking parents to select their preferred payment method and sign and return the student/parent content agreement.

**School Fees**

I would like to remind all parents that all schools fees must be paid by the end of the school year unless you have negotiated a formal payment plan with the College.

Parents are reminded that a 7% Administration Fee will be charged to your account from 1 January 2015 on the balance outstanding at 31 December unless a payment arrangement has been negotiated with the College as a result of financial hardship circumstances. If you do not respond to correspondence regarding fees follow up, we will have no alternative but to place your debt with our Debt Collection agency. Any fees associated with debt collection will be added to your account.

The collection of fees are essential to the overall success of the educational program at St Mark’s and therefore the College is required to ensure that the financial responsibilities of all families are met. Every effort will continue to be made to assist families in meeting their commitment to pay College fees.

Families experiencing financial hardship with fees may contact the College to book a confidential discussion with the Business Manager or Assistant Business Manager.

Dominic LoBasso, Business Manager
Congratulations to our Benedict Sports Day ‘Team Spirit Award’ Winners - Lucy, Will, Shanmadhi and Millie pictured above with their medals.

From the Deputy Principal

Sports Day
We thank Bernie Kelly, our Benedict Sport Co-ordinator, PE staff members Henry Whiting and Annie Keane, and all staff and students for the success of Sports Day last Friday. Well done to McNally on their magnificent resurgence from last year!

NAPLAN
NAPLAN results were distributed on Thursday. Please make a time to speak with your child’s class teacher(s) if there are any concerns. The NAPLAN tests provide a snapshot of a student’s learning and the results must always be used in conjunction with all the other forms of assessment that take place every day in your child’s classroom.

Farewell
We farewell Zara Kajani (2 Blue) and her family from the St Mark’s College Community and wish them all the very best for the future.

Deputy Principal for the Day
We congratulate Thomas Hunter (4 Red) who won the M Team ‘Deputy Principal for the Day’ raffle. Thomas will assume the role on Wednesday Week 1 of next term.

Staff News
We wish Karen Davison (Week 1-9) and Karen Murphy (Week 1) all the best for their Long Service Leave. Louise Kitto will be replacing Karen Davison in 3 Green and Kylie Capursa will be replacing Karen Murphy in 6 Red.

Sports Assembly
We congratulate the following winners of the St Mark’s College Sports Council Awards announced at our Sports Assembly on Tuesday:

Benedict Campus:
- Junior Male Sportsperson - Kallis Freer
- Junior Female Sportsperson - Ellie Todd

Bosco Campus:
- Senior Male Sportsperson - Dominic Keain
- Senior Female Sportsperson - Brooke Caputo

The criteria for these awards includes playing for the College, playing with excellence, leadership and fairness, and being a role model for others. The winners of the College Male Sportsperson and Female Sportsperson of the Year were also announced. We congratulate Angela Anastasiou and Emily Condon on their achievement. Angelo and Emily will receive their awards at the Bosco End of Year Assembly.

Helen McKeough,
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus

International Spelling Competition Results

Credit
- Noah Waters
- Jonas Blight

Merit
- Ethan Markham

Participation
- Mason Bickley
- Morgan Cullen
- Myles Jackson
- Kamsi Onwuchekwa
- Madeleine Denny
- Alyce Ferme
- Henri Philipp
- Sophie Farrugia
- Quinn Lane
- Laura Watt
- Leo Taylor
- Mollie Watt
Benedict Sports Day

On Friday 19 September St Mark’s Benedict Campus held their annual Sports Day at Bosco Oval. Congratulations must go to all the students on their fantastic effort and demeanour on Sports Day. The students showed excellent sportsmanship and they all tried their best in all events. Well done to our College Captains George Ford and Brooke Caputo, for officially opening our Sports Day. They spoke extremely well and related very well to the students.

The College would especially like to thank the following helpers and volunteers who made the day such a success: Neville Thompson, Carmel Freer, Teresa Dunbar, Amanda Akker, Katrina Petagna, Michelle Wulf, Damian Freer, Trevor Combe and Andrew Gebert.

Special thanks to Lynette Pole and the St John’s First Aid volunteers and the shield presenters, Father Francis, Sr. Mary, Pauline Waters, Pat Faulkner and John Mullin, the Parents and Friends Committee, the College Maintenance Men and Benedict staff for all their efforts, cooperation and organisation. We also acknowledge the Year 7 House Captains who showed outstanding leadership skills which contributed to the success of the day.

Bosco Captains: Meg O’Brien and Clem Stanley
Gallagher Captains: Holly Reid and Aidan Jacobs
McNally Captains: Darcey Roberts and Jack Dickeson
Polding Captains: Scarlette Thoman and Lawson Collins

Benedict students enjoying Auskick 2014.

 Henry Whiting, Auskick Coordinator

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2014 Sports Day Results

Bishop Greg O’Kelly Shield (Overall)
1. McNally
2. Gallagher
3. Bosco
4. Polding

Salesian Running Shield
1. McNally
2. Bosco
3. Gallagher
4. Polding

Good Samaritan Team Game Shield
1. McNally
2. Gallagher
3. Bosco
4. Polding

Fatima Incentive Shield (Handicap)
1. Gallagher
2. McNally
3. Polding
4. Bosco

Year 6 Long Distance Champions
Male: Will Peterson Female: Ardia Mead

Year 7 Long Distance Champions
Male: Franc Gadaleta Female: Ellie Todd

Year 6 Sprint Champions
Male: Will Peterson Female: Ardia Mead

Year 7 Sprint Champions
Male: Harrison Coe Female: Hannah Bentley

Team Spirit Awards
Bosco: Millie Tubb Gallagher: Will Taylor McNally: Shanmadhi Santhosh Polding: Lucy Pennell

Year 6/7 Gold
Indiana Stephens Holly Reid

Year 7 Blue
Will Taylor Isabella Cotton Crenie Kumar

Year 7 Red
Hannah Bentley Domenic Albanese Ryan Kammermann

Year 6 Blue
Ellie Waters Jada Winsor

Year 5 Red
Aislynn Everett Tia Sciangalepore

Year 5 Green
Montana Coe Tiannah Pisani-Yuke

Year 4 Blue
Jack Tiller Caitlin Tee

Year 4 Red
William Hubert

Year 3 Blue
Harper Bridley Natalija Wauchope

Year 3 Green
Ciara Hadert Ruby Simpson

Year 3 Red
Jerylee Brown Aslin Spolding

Year 2 Blue
Leo Cretan Eliza Harris

Year 2 Red
Ciara Hadert Ruby Simpson

Year 1 Blue
Violet Jackson Jacob Possingham

Year 1 Red
Laycee Meaney Sophie Smith

Year 1 Green
Kale Ganley Archie Simpson

Foundation Blue
Charlie Waters Kobe Wright

Foundation Red
Jonathan Wilks Elise Vanlaarhaven

Foundation Green
Kale Ganley Archie Simpson

Year 1 Blue
Violet Jackson Jacob Possingham

Year 1 Red
Laycee Meaney Sophie Smith

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Year 7 Blue
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Hannah Bentley Domenic Albanese Ryan Kammermann

Year 5 Blue
Robbie Gadaleta Kamsi Onwuchekwa

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From the Deputy Principal

Uniform
At beginning of Term 4 the wearing of Summer Uniform is mandatory so please read the diary to ensure it is worn correctly. A gentle reminder to boys that socks should be light grey and hair ‘neat and tidy and not falling onto the face or below the collar’. Girls uniforms should be a ‘modest length’ on all occasions - no shorter than 2.5 cm above the knee.

End of Term
Wishing staff and students a peaceful and safe holiday.

Janet Haskett
Acting Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

Bosco Vocal Group

The Bosco Vocal Group recently went on an excursion to the University of Adelaide’s Music Faculty. The students met with Dr Luke Harold who was integral in establishing the Popular Music program which can be undertaken as a specialist study in the Bachelor of Music Degree. Luke was very open to talking about the units of study available and conducted a tour of the University’s popular music facilities including theory tutorial rooms, a keyboard lab and various recording studios. In the afternoon the vocal group attended a performance by the university’s Jazz choir, The Adelaide Connection. The Connection performed a selection of acapella pieces and were conducted by Luke Thompson. Our students were also invited to join the Connection on stage at Elder Hall for some photos and discussion which was certainly a highlight of the day.

Fiona Clarke and Ann Russack, Music Teachers

Congratulations Lucy

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Lucy Wood, who recently won the Youth Encouragement Award in the 2014 Port Pirie Art Prize. The Youth Encouragement Award was open to all artists under 18 years of age and included prize money of $250. Lucy’s entry, Still Art, was a still life which she painted as an assessment piece in Art last year. The exhibition runs until October 12 at the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery, and also features works by Felicia Halfacre (Year 11), Jade Pisani (Year 12), and old scholar, Ella Camporeale.

Rohan Cheong, Art and Design Teacher

Lucy’s award winning art work.

Our Bosco Vocal Group enjoyed an excursion to the University of Adelaide’s Music Faculty.
Bosco students had fun celebrating English Week by dressing up as their favourite characters.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No .... it’s English Week!

Our annual English Week took place in Week 8 of this term and was a resounding success. Staff and students alike took the opportunity to come dressed as a character from page, stage, screen or even television and we were treated to appearances by Superman, Bill and Ben the Flower Pot Men, Severus Snape, Captain Jack Sparrow, Dorothy and almost the entire cast of Winnie-the-Pooh and Star Wars. The Pink (Office) Ladies made a big impression and “Who was that masked man?” is a question on everybody’s lips.

Students made literary quote badges, entered the 50 word Very Little Book Competition and participated with vigour in the inaugural St Mark’s Poetry Slam.

It was truly a celebration of all things English and a fine time was had by all!

Colleen McComish, English LAC

Science Week

Last week Bosco celebrated Science Week with an audible bang. Edible slime got some students in a sticky situation while melting gobstoppers and disappearing M&M’s tantalised their inquisitive taste buds. Mrs DeVries and Miss Cockerill revealed a range of colourful experiments including smashing bananas and flowers frozen solid with dry ice, along with the gastronomical delight of the cold cooked egg. Students enquired about ‘dry ice bucket’ nominations and enjoyed watching the creation of elephant’s toothpaste. Mr Scavarelli was easy to spot in his loud shirts as he dressed up as famous scientist Dr Karl across the week. Brainpower was tested with daily quizzes about whale species, missing letters on the Periodic Table, the nutrition of fast food and the anatomy of the brain. Our goats went on parade and had eager interaction with students on the oval. We congratulate our staff, students and animals on their success at the Royal Adelaide Show.

Jane Bennett, Science Coordinator

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 students travelled to Woodhouse Scout centre in the Adelaide Hills for their adventure camp in week nine. The camp is designed to expose students to activities that provide opportunities to develop resilience and teamwork and to respond to personal challenges and goals. Students and staff participate in activities such as mountain bike riding, rock climbing, flying fox, laser skirmish, orienteering and an obstacle course called “Challenge Hill.” The sessions are facilitated by qualified instructors supported by school staff. Apart from some light drizzle the weather was kind to us and the students were enthusiastic and in many cases pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones, particularly in the mountain biking and rock climbing. The quiz and movie nights were also popular activities. Instructors and staff were very impressed with the maturity and team spirit displayed by the students and they are to be commended for their excellent behaviour and attitude throughout the camp. The lovely food, hot showers and warm rooms contributed to a great experience and we all appreciated Mr. Hay visiting us Tuesday and Wednesday. A big thank you to John Gibson and the staff who helped make the camp such an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Andrew Sheridan, Year 9 Coordinator

Year 9 students were kept busy in the outdoors on their adventure camp in the Adelaide Hills.
SMC Netball

The season is now complete. Thank you for those who promptly returned their hired uniforms. I would like to thank all Coaches and Managers for 2014: Liz Noonan, Martin Faulkner, Simone Caputo, Ashton Puddy, Fiona Perry, Jane Gibson, Jodine Markham, Jayne James, Teresa Gadoleta, Bianca McBride, Lisa Manners, Fiona McBride, Elise White, Lyn Elbourn, Georgia Eades, Martine Wright, Wendy Farrugia, Amanda Akker, Kelley Reid, Sally Johns, Linda Thompson, Amy Tiller, Bernie Good, Sharee Porta, Andrea Tyler and Melanie Promnitz.

Thanks for all who contributed to and attended a successful Presentation Night on 6 September. A special thank you to all committee members, scorers, canteen volunteers, umpires and to those who supported our teams each week.

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to your continued involvement in SMC Netball next season.

Katie Pole, SMC Netball Coordinator

SMC Tennis

St Mark’s will be entering 27 teams involving over 120 students in the Port Pirie and District Tennis Association this season. A further 34 players have also registered for “Hot Shots” through St Mark’s. E and F Grade will be played on Friday afternoons, while A-D Grades will play in set timeslots on Saturday mornings. In the event of hot or wet weather on Saturdays, the 10.30am match will be re-scheduled to the following Monday, while the 8.30am matches will only be re-scheduled to the following Wednesday in the event of wet weather. A hot weather policy will not apply to 8.30am matches. E and F Grades will not be re-scheduled. The A and B Grade Competition for girls will be combined as will the B and C Grade Boys.

Matches will begin on 17/18 October with a 13 week season-8 matches before Christmas and 5 matches after Christmas, which will include some mid-week matches to accommodate the Pirie Classic Tournament which is being played in late February next year. The Grand Final will be played on Saturday 28 March, 2015.

Teams were released earlier this week. Practice times will also be displayed on both campuses, once they are finalised, with practices beginning in Term 4, Week 1. Player and supervision rosters will be distributed early next term once the programme is finalised.

The College appreciates and thanks all coaches and managers who have made themselves available to coach our teams.

SMC Tennis Committee - Des McKeough (Co-ordinator), Annie Keane, Bryan Dickeson, Carmel Freer, Francine Combe, Jane Dickeson and Andrew Gebert

SMC Hockey

Congratulations to the U18 Boys who had a great 4 nil win over St Andrews in the U18 Final.
All the boys played a fantastic game with Dominic Keain being awarded the MVP for the game. A really great effort!!
Commiserations to the U18 Girls who were defeated by Risdon 2 nil. The girls tried hard all game but were unable to hit the ball into the net. Congratulations to Kireea Cugley who was awarded the MVP for this game.

Jack Jordan, SMC Hockey Coordinator

Netball Awards

Congratulations to our Association trophy winners for the 2014 Netball season:
Loretta Raftery Best First Year Player in A Grade - Brooke Caputo
Smiths Betta Home Living Trophy B Grade - Erini Seindonis
D Grade - Best and Fairest - Angel Allan
Bath Cup - Most votes in C/D/E Grade - Angel Allan
Hutchison Cup for most votes in the Association over all - Angel Allan
E Grade Smiths Betta Home living - Amanda Akker
G Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest - Alanna Matthews
H Grade Best and Fairest = Ellie Todd
H Grade Smiths Betta Home Living = Ellie Todd
Goal throwing award for F/G/H Grade - SMC H Grade
I Grade Runner Up Best and Fairest - Shanmadhi Santhosh
Under 12 Div 1 Best and Fairest and the Congee Cup - Lucee Bessen
Under 12 Div2 Runner Up Best and Fairest - Alana Reid
Madigan Court Demeanour - Emmma Perry
Under 12 Goal Throwing Award - SMC Under 12 Div 2 Red
Under 17 Academy Team - Maddison Pryor

Congratulations to SMC Netballer Angel Allan who had a great season and was awarded the Netball Association’s Bath Cup, the Hutchison Cup and D Grade Best and Fairest award.

Congratulations to SMC Under 18 boys who played a fantastic game to take out the Premiership.

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Royal Adelaide Show

On 10 and 11 September, thirty Year 9,10 and 11 Agriculture students attended the Adelaide show to compete in the Schools Led Steer events, (Year 10 and 11) and the Schools Led Goat wether events, Boer Goats, (Year 9). School Staff attending the show were Paul Matthews, Joel Head, Matt Ryan and Monique Maddigan.

A big thank you must go to Old Scholar Kate Hancock, who helped with our Steers.

In the School Steers events there were 150 steers from 45 schools, and with the school goats events, around 150 goats from 35 schools. St Mark’s College received great results and won many awards. Congratulations to Cameron Lindner and Monique Maddigan who represented our School in the Led Steer Handlers Competition.

Our Goats and their handlers performed admirably, in both the Grand Parade, and final Judging events, under the guidance of Mr Matt Ryan. The Goats had very strong competition, and unfortunately didn’t place. In the final presentation, the Judge went straight to our goat “Garry” as a potential finalist, only to discover that he had a disqualification for cutting his second two teeth. Many thanks must go to Margaret Miller, Coota Park Boer Goat Stud Kadina, for supplying our goats, and showing such a keen interest in our Students.

All students are to be commended for their positive attitudes and outstanding teamwork.

The McNally Farm Team

Royal Adelaide Show Awards

St Mark’s College received “Best Grand Parade presentation by a School”.

FIRST PLACE - Schools Steer Export 575kg to 615 kg. Shorthorn “Cammo” Breeder-Inglewood Props, Sam Inglis, Crystal Brook.

FIRST PLACE - The John Gorey Memorial prize. Highest scoring shorthorn steer on Hoof and Hook. “Cammo”

FIRST PLACE - Schools Steer light domestic 405kg to 430 kg. Red Angus “Stewie” Breeder –Angle Farm GR & RA Smith, Port Pirie.


THIRD PLACE - Breeder’s steer, Heavy domestic 490kg to 525 kg. Shorthorn “Morton” prepared and paraded on behalf of the breeder, GE Ashby and sons. Matt Ashby Gulnare.

FIFTH PLACE - Schools Steer Export 575kg to 615kg, Santa Gertrudis “Dozer” Breeder- HB Rural Goolagang Stud, Heath Tiller, Wornertown.

THIRD PLACE - Royal Adelaide Show Grand Champion event, Light Domestic 405 to 430Kg. Red Angus “Stewie”


We also had our two Shorthorns chosen in the best team of three for their breed in the above event.

Thanks to Woonalee Simmentals, Naracoorte and A & J Head of Cummins for the supply of our Simmental Steer “Ajay.”
Fun a Plenty

Sunday 28 September from 3pm to 4.30pm at Plenty Street Park. For Primary aged children and their families. Run by Port Pirie Baptist Church, Hannan Street. Free games, bible stories, craft and sausage sizzle. Enquiries Pastor Roger Kleinig 0427 399 244.

Singing Lessons as School

For information please phone Anne Hansen on 0429 866 242 or 86362231

Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden - School Holiday Fun

Come along to the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens in Port Augusta and join in some school holiday fun. Activity table, animal discovery walk, sand creation, pot a plant, craft activity using natural items and kids photography session. For more information please ring Bernadette or Marie on 86 419116 or email info@aalbg.sa.gov.au

Virtus Soccer Club - Junior Trials for 2015 Season

On Sunday 12 October at Byrne Park, Port Pirie. Under 12’s at 10.30am, Under 14’s at 11.30am and Under 15’s at 12.30. Season commences March 2015 through to September 2015. For further information please contact Steve Garden on 0437 777 553 or email garden84@msn.com

Congratulations to our SMC Netball Premiers

Netball Premiers - SMC D Grade with coach Jayne James.

Netball Premiers - SMC Under 12 Division 2 Red with coach Fiona Perry.

Netball Premiers - SMC Under 11 Gold with coach Jo-dee Markham.

Netball Premiers - SMCH Grade with coaches Fiona McBride and Elise White.