The Sports Day
The Bosco community gathered for their annual Sports Carnival. There had been much preparation; much anticipation. Lists had been drawn up and House Leaders and House Captains had encouraged. There was honour at stake and fun to be had. There had been training and the fine tuning of technique during lesson time and then the mirror time spent in consideration of the craziest hair or the zaniest costume. It was a day of participation and fashion triumphs. The faces were painted, tulle and tutus were adjusted, banners challenged and the students participated in a wonderful day of effort and laughter. There was even a bumble bee’s buzzing, monster mashing and fairies fluttering. There were efforts made on the field of battle or a single participation point earned by hundreds of committed students. All were earning points.

There was an easy balance between athleticism and House unity at the event. The important races were contested with purpose and determination. The gifted athletes threw with vigour or jumped with resolve. The crowd enjoyed the battles of wills over 100 metres and we thrilled to the courage needed to run a 400 metres at top pace. We also delighted in the smiles and camaraderie of young people ambling around and showing a love of involvement. There was not one absent Year 12 and that reflected their leadership and the value they place in the event.

We were grateful for the generosity of the staff and volunteers who made something so complex seem so seamless. We thanked Jess Oxford as Coordinator and Robert Cronin with the golden microphone. They worked together so well to keep the day moving along and the spirits were soaring. Ms Oxford was patient and thorough and as usual Mr Cronin’s jokes were tasteful and witty. The groans around the oval reflected that. The Gallagher era continues. Green is a mean machine and they seemed indomitable. They broke the finish line time and again and deserved the laurels at the end. The speeches by Kireea Cugley and John Seindanis were gracious and eloquent. The real champions were the students. Their effort and their enthusiasm were an expression of the richness and cohesion of our school. It was hot and challenging and creative and fun.

The Rite Journey
I had a chance to go to Solomontown Beach with parents and the Year 9s a couple of Sunday evenings ago. They were gathering at sunset for the first stage of a series of rituals. This one was about saying goodbye to some things of childhood. The Year 9s are part of a process called The Rite Journey. They are in single sex classes and it connects with our Religious Education program. There will be ceremonies and secrets, deep care and loyalty to one another. Trust will be established.

The results will amaze. Classrooms will be closed. Conversations will be confidential. We will see boys with tribal rhythm sticks using beat and tempo. We will see them sitting on the ground passing a listening symbol that they had to find in the bush. It’s a little tribal I know but they learn honour and brotherhood. I also know that the girls will be having hundreds of conversations about secret women business; about the power and mystery of womanhood. They’ll talk about the sexualisation of girls, that explicit targeting of them through images and attitudes. They will form a trusting community together. The Rite Journey is a process of journey and ritual. On that Sunday night we offered a prayer and brushed off a thousand mosquitoes. Andrew Sheridan, Jane Gibson, Rohan Cheong and Jesslyn Oxford will lead the students with sensitivity and care. We saw this as the students threw a stone into the water and as parents laid a hand on a shoulder in a touching intimacy. I certainly thank the families for their attendance and wish the teachers the
Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

We are very grateful for the work of our parents and the particular contribution that is made through the P+F. They met this week to report on annual achievement and prepared for a new year. At the AGM we gathered to discuss the Annual Report and then concentrated on the election of officers. The group were unified in their thanks for the work of ex-President Sarah Watt and we spoke with gratitude about her energy and commitment to the welfare of the school and the engagement of the families. She has been quite remarkable. We thanked Jodie Markham for the stability as Vice President, Carmel Freer for her thorough work as Secretary and Fiona Perry as an outstanding Treasurer. I tried to express the gratitude of the College for the energy and creativity that the P+F have given over the last year. In 2014 they had come up with all sorts of ways to welcome, to support, to feed and to celebrate. They raised money, supported learning and reassured. It is an outstanding group. We are richer as a school by their commitment and I have enjoyed my association with it.

The Champions amongst us

I was reading The Recorder the other day and looked at the nominations for the Junior Sportsperson of the Year. It was a most impressive list of elite sportspersons and many were from St Mark’s. These are all great young people with talent and determination. They get involved in school life and they represent the College. They make sacrifices and balance busy lives and they have a focus and a talent outside the College. These young people have put plenty of kilometres behind them. They go to Adelaide all the time. (It must be so exhausting). Some travel interstate and then overseas. Their mums and dads drive, discuss, support, quietly encourage and pay! (There is a courage and generosity in that parenting). I extend my congratulations to Louise Griffin, in particular, who was awarded Junior Sportsperson of the Year. Her excellence is in Irish Dancing and she is a State Champion as well as an international representative having competed in London. What is common in all these champions is that they smile, turn up on time and don’t complain. They train, balance demands and dream. We congratulate nominees: Lawson Munzberg, Connor Oehms, Louise Griffin, Harry Thoman, Gracie Petersen, Merina Caputo, Alec Steff, Angel Allan, Maddison Pryor and Anthony Oliphant.

I note with pride that Dennis Buchanan, a St Mark’s dad, won the Administrator of the Year. A timely endorsement has been given for a tireless and dedicated worker. Many of us have had a chance to play a range of sports because of Dennis’ organisation, attention to detail and charm.

A new Deputy Principal for St Mark’s Bosco

I am delighted to announce that the Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Greg O’Kelly and the Director of Catholic Education, Brenda Keenan have endorsed the appointment of Kate Kilpatrick to the College Executive and as Deputy Principal of the Bosco Campus.

Kate is a country girl from Mt Gambier and is teaching at Cardijn College in Adelaide. She is Head of the Middle School there. She was an outstanding candidate for the role and will bring skills in teaching and learning, student formation and staff development. I know Kate well having worked with her at Cardijn and she is able to balance a passion for learning, an attention to detail and a great love of life and education. Kate has come late to Catholicism but was deeply touched by the faithfulness and spirituality of the Cardijn community and as such joined the RCIA program. I am certain that she will find that same spirit here. There is a faithfulness here that uplifts. This is a place to share her sense of the sacredness of the vocation of teaching.

In writing I acknowledge the excellent work done by Mrs Janet Haskett as she kept things going in an acting capacity. She has been a wonderful ‘St Mark’s guardian’ of all that is important and worked with such generosity.

Greg Hay, Principal
New Student Uniform Implementation

Due to issues associated with the availability of certain uniform stock items it has been decided that the compulsory changeover to the new school uniform will be postponed until the start of 2016.

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Clean Up Australia Day

Miss Bennett’s Year 8 Science class participated in Clean Up Australia Day last week. Students collected rubbish and calculated how long common pieces took to break down naturally. They also researched potentially new ways of reducing packaging and common household items and investigated recycling initiatives Bosco Campus could implement in the future.

Rite Journey

Year 9 students gathered at the Solomontown Beach for the Rite Journey Calling Ceremony.

In the late afternoon of Sunday 22 February, parents, Year 9 students and staff gathered on the lawns of Solomontown Beach for the calling ceremony of the Rite Journey program. Students are challenged, in the presence of family and staff, to make the first symbolic steps in the program that acknowledges the transition from childhood to young adulthood. Despite the heat, the setting was very appropriate, with the city of Pirie, the waterfront and the edges of the Flinders Ranges reflecting the diversity of our community and environment.

Thank you to the family members, students and staff who participated in this event and who continue to support the program at the College. My thanks also to the Rite Journey team: Jane Gibson, Jess Oxford and Rahan Cheong for their ongoing and enthusiastic commitment to the program.

Andrew Sheridan, Year 9 Coordinator

College AGM

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Lenten Liturgies
It has been wonderful to see our students participating in our weekly Lenten Liturgy centred on this year’s Project Compassion stories. Thank you to all the parents who have been coming along – each week there has been just a few more. These stories are a timely reminder to us of how our contributions during Lent make the world of difference to the lives of many, not only in our own country but within the wider global community too. Each day the Year 7 students collect any money that has been given by students in their class Project Compassion box. I am both astonished and pleased at the generosity of our students and families. Thank you.

Naming of the New Break Out Space
Our new Break Out Space is a fantastic place for our younger students to learn and spend each day. Any time I walk in there, everyone is smiling and engrossed in what they are doing. The Official Opening of this building will be occurring early in Term 2 and we would like to invite all the parents and friends of St Mark’s, including the Parish, to suggest any ideas of a name for this wonderful learning space. In the Front Office of both Benedict and Bosco campuses as well as at the Cathedral, there is a ‘Suggestion Box’ for you to put any thoughts that you may have. We ask that the suggestions and ideas are centred around the Good Samaritan Sister’s presence within our community. Thank you.

School Banking
During our Assembly on Wednesday we had a visit from Janice Cliff of Bank SA speaking to the students about School Banking. If any families are interested in their children joining Bank SAs School Banking program there are forms in the Front Office or you can go into the Branch here in Pirie for them. There is a special offer for us at St Mark’s if your children are keen. For every child who joins, Bank SA will give them $10 to start their account. At the same time they will give the school $10 to go towards something that we need in the school. This is a great incentive to start saving for our students and for our school community!

Canteen
Please be advised that two items are being taken off the Canteen List. Both the LOL drinks and lollies will no longer be available to purchase once the current ones in the canteen run out. We would greatly appreciate that these drinks do not come in school lunch boxes either. We appreciate your support in this.

Children Late to School
Just a friendly reminder from our Office Staff to please ensure that if your child/ren are late for school on any given day to please remember to sign in at the Office as you come past. A legal requirement for schools is to have all students recorded in the roll book each day they are here. We greatly appreciate your co-operation.

Kylie Smith, Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus

Italian Carnevale
During Italian lessons Years 1, 4, 5 and 7 students have been learning about Carnevale. We looked at two places in Italy; Venice and Viareggio which celebrate Carnevale very differently. The Year 1 students watched some clips about Carnevale in Venice then made a mask and had their own Carnevale. We had a lot of fun.

Signora Boulton
**Clean Up Australia Day**

On Friday it was clean up Australia day. We cleaned up all the rubbish in the school. We wore PE clothes and gloves. We collected up lots of rubbish in our bags. We collected lots and lots. It was yucky! We are going to try and keep our school nice and clean. It was fun! The end

*By Foundation Blue Students*

**Star Students**

- **Year 7 Red**
  - Dylan Harris
  - Lucy Todd

- **Year 7 Blue**
  - Euan Fetherstonhaugh
  - Mya Giancaspro

- **Year 7 Green**
  - Rangi Ngatamariki
  - Shannon Doyle

- **Year 6 Blue**
  - Georgia Pryor
  - Joseph McNamara

- **Year 6 Red**
  - Peyton Peter
  - Blair Johns

- **Year 6 Green**
  - Sophie Farrugia
  - Liam Jacobs

- **Year 5 Red**
  - Ryan Hunt
  - Alyce Ferme

- **Year 5 Blue**
  - Jonas Blight
  - Chloe Davidson

- **Year 5 Green**
  - Rangi Ngatamariki
  - Shannon Doyle

- **Year 4 Red**
  - Jazlyn McBride
  - Baylee Connelly

- **Year 4 Blue**
  - Ella Champion
  - Blake Hanlon

- **Year 4 Green**
  - Harper Bridley
  - Tom McNamara

- **Year 3 Blue**
  - Drae McLaughlin
  - Taylor Anderson

- **Year 3 Red**
  - Cohen Tee
  - James Gebert

- **Year 2 Red**
  - Molly Lavis
  - Marco Dimou

- **Year 2 Blue**
  - Jack DeGioia
  - Mia-Lee Bateson

- **Year 1 Blue**
  - Jaxon Lee
  - Olivia Possingham

- **Year 1 Green**
  - Adeena Hashmi
  - Mya Stringer

- **Year 1 Red**
  - Sam Richards
  - Liam Saler

- **Foundation Blue**
  - Emily Court
  - Jack Malycha

- **Foundation Green**
  - Marcus Mudge
  - Ryan Pole

- **Foundation Red**
  - James McBride
  - Tarj Johanning

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**Nude Food Day**

On Wednesday Benedict celebrated its first Nude Food Day. Each Wednesday for the remainder of Term 1 we will be encouraging students to bring a Nude Food recess and lunch. Nude Foods refer to foods which are not commercially packaged or wrapped in foil or plastic. In introducing Nude Food Days we hope to encourage our students to make more conscious decisions about the types of foods that they consume, as well as thinking about the impact that food packaging has on our environment.

A few tips for packing a Nude Food lunchbox:
- Try a lunchbox with separate sections to avoid losing lids and containers
- If your child enjoys pre-packaged snacks, try buying these in a larger format and separate out into reusable containers
- Try to avoid plastic bags, plastic wrap and aluminium foil
- Involve your child in the packing process

For more information and ideas on Nude Food go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources

*Jenna Howell, Foundation to Year 3 Coordinator*

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Get ready to read!
The 2015 South Australian Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again.

**What is the Challenge?**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more and enjoy reading. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

PRC books and spare entry forms can be found in the Benedict library.
Entry forms are due 4 September 2015.

Happy reading!

*Teresa Gadaleta, Benedict Campus*
From the Deputy Principal

Last week I was fortunate enough to meet in Melbourne with other School educators to experience the Salesian Immersion as we prepare to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of St John Bosco. Father Chris Ford, a former teacher of St Mark’s reflected that: “our Salesian approach values and promotes the goodness, creativity, intelligence and capacity of the young now and their potential in the future. We see and treasure who they are now even if they are as yet unfinished works of art. We value them here and now and we have the vision to realise who they can become, the good they can do for the world, the positivity and creativity they can bring to society, and how they can express their love of God in practical and courageous ways.”

Parents of Year 12 students met on Monday night where John Gibson and Katrina Johns outline strategies for both parents and students to survive the year. University of Adelaide representatives presented information about that pathway and were available after the meeting to answer questions.

Thanks to all that supported the Bosco Sports Day last Friday and please remember the Combined Sports Day coming up on Friday 27 March. If you are able to accommodate a billet from Pt Lincoln please contact Jess Oxford as soon as possible.

It is disappointing that some students are not complying with the wearing of the College Uniform as stated in the school diary. Can you assist us here at school to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform?

Janet Haskett
Acting Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

2015 House Representatives

Gallagher
Captains - John Seindonis and Kireea Cugley
Year 11 - Ashleigh Morrell and Samuel Eades
Year 10 - Esther Window and Joshua Kleinvig
Year 9 - Bria Vanstone and Joshua Garden
Year 8 - Crenie Kumar and William Taylor

McNally
Captains - Mitchel young and Ellen Bawley
Year 11 - Patrick Williams and Lucy Wood
Year 10 - Ethan Featherstonehaugh and Ebony Bennier
Year 9 - Patrick Connell and Maya Bessen
Year 8 - Blake Burt and Tayla Scarman

Bosco
Captains – Molly Head and Dylan Amey
Year 11 – Maddison Pryor and Joshua Kammermann
Year 10 – Michaela Dimopoulos and Jaikob Mathews
Year 9 – Eden Smith and Cooper Lane
Year 8 – Ellie Todd and Jai Thornton

Polding
Captains – Kane Daws and Georgia Afford
Year 11 - Naomi Stott and Archie Smith
Year 10 - James Boston and Samantha Simpson
Year 9 - Braydan Tattoli and Georgia Tiller
Year 8 - Kate Venning and Jackson Porta
Bosco Sportsday 2015

Last Friday 27 February, St Mark’s Bosco Campus held its annual Interhouse Sports Day. The House Leaders and Captains had been busily preparing their teams for the big day, and Gallagher cemented their place at the top with their back to back victory, finishing ahead of an impressive Polding outfit. Student participation in the Bosco Interhouse Sports Day was high and the day was enjoyed by all in attendance. Although the weather was warm, students braved the heat and there were long lines of students waiting patiently for their throw, jump or run and others cheering loudly for their respective teams.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who helped on Sportsday. Without your help the whole day would struggle to run as smoothly or efficiently. Thank you to all Volunteer’s – Sonya Kerin, Bob Saler, John Mullin, Greg Congdon, Darryl Turner, Kylan Oxford, Thomas Dickeson, Olivia Demarco, Ella Ward, Amy Tiller, Marianne Gadaleta and Melissa Gadaleta.

Congratulations to Miss Creek, Kireea, John and all of Gallagher House on your great victory, and also to all individual age group champions. Students that finished in 1st or 2nd place for an event have been selected to represent the College in the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Friday March 27 in Port Pirie. Numbers of families that have volunteered for billeting students from Port Lincoln are low, so if you are interested in hosting a student from Port Lincoln, please contact me at the College.

Jesslyn Oxford, Sports Coordinator

Sports Day Results

Individual Champions:
U14 Girls - Talia Phillipps (M)
U14 Boys – Harrison Magor (G)
U15 Girls – Gracie Peterson (G)
U15 Boys – Ryan Monaghan (P)
U16 Girls – Gabriella Dennis (G)
U16 Boys – Josh Klienig (G)
Open Girls – Merina Caputo (P)
Open Boys – Corey Davey (P)

Gallagher House Captains John and Kireea with Deputy Mayor Leon Stephens and Principal Greg Hay.

Fr Ray Cau Handicap Shield:
1st – Gallagher – 2107 pts
2nd – Polding – 1987 pts
3rd – Bosco – 1976 pts
4th – McNally – 1476 pts

Combined Age Group Aggregate Shields:
U14 – Gallagher – 548 pts
U15 – Gallagher – 496 pts
U16 – Gallagher – 580 pts
Open – Polding – 556 pts

Frank Lauritsen Overall Memorial Shield:
1st – Gallagher – 2011 pts
2nd – Polding – 1709 pts
3rd – Bosco – 1647 pts
4th – McNally – 1476 pts

Year 10 Work Experience

By now your child would have received three separate forms regarding work experience. All Year 10’s participate in one week of work experience this year during week 10 of Term two. This is from Monday 30 June to Friday 3 July.

This activity is a compulsory part of the Year 10 curriculum and forms an important part of your child’s PLP (Personal Learning Plan) assessment which is compulsory for the SACE requirements. It is the student’s responsibility to organise their work experience placement and there is no time like the present. Please read the three forms carefully. The parent letter has a tear-off slip which must be returned by Friday 6 March and the “Workplace Learning Agreement” form can be filled out and returned once you have organised a placement for your child. The due date for this form is Monday 11 May. The third form is a general information sheet (3 pages) for parents and the workplace provider.

If you have any queries or concerns about the work experience placement, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school using the below contact details. Work experience in the past has proven to be a valuable insight for our students into the world of work and we wish them the very best with their placement.

Simone Atkinson, Student Pathways Coordinator
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JB Shackell Cup and Nyrstar Smelter Shield Relay

On Wednesday 25 February a number of St Mark's students from the Benedict campus competed in the JB Shackell Cup and Nyrstar Smelter Shield Relay swimming events. We entered three relay teams and each team made the ‘A’ final, resulting in an overall victory to St Mark's College. Special mentions go to the swimmers that competed in the individual 200m and 400m swims. Particularly Jamieson Murphy, who won the 400m boys swim.

Henry Whiting, Benedict Campus

Pia Keain, SMC Soccer Coordinator

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**Mc Nally Farm News**

Over the last few weeks the Year 10 Agriculture students have been very busy harvesting, weighing and processing our grapes, and monitoring the chemical reaction and fermentation process that takes place. This week we racked the 2014 vintage, to remove any sediments, in preparation for bottling, corking and labelling in the near future.

Our Year 12 students have been doing a lot of walking, collecting soil samples and testing these samples, to gain an insight into plant growth and the performance of our paddocks. They have also begun their major investigation into sheep nutrition, and have been busy weighing lambs as part of a feed trial.

*Paul Matthews, Agriculture Teacher*

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**BYOD Program**

Dear St Mark’s Community,

I’m pleased to report that the first stage of the BYOD program for Year 7 and Year 8 students has been completed successfully. I would like to personally thank parents, caregivers, the Admin staff and the ICT staff of the College for their efforts in rolling out the devices to our students in an efficient manner.

Stage one of the program had the following highlights. Students have their own Windows 8.1 and Office 365 installations on their device as well as electronic versions of their text books.

Stage one also enabled students to connect to the Internet, print their work from their device as well as accessing other curriculum material from the College servers.

Some students have also explored working collaboratively online as well as using Microsoft Excel to record, analyse and present data.

We are now rolling out Stage two of the program. This involves our students activating their CESA Enterprise Login. We are only one of two schools in the State that are going through this process. The CESA Enterprise will have many benefits for our students.

I will keep you informed via the newsletter on the progress of stage two.

Thanks again to all involved with this program.

*Gaetano (Jim) Scavarelli, ICT Coordinator (Foundation to Year 12)*

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**What do our Year 7 students think of the BYOD Program?**

I think that the devices that Year 7’s use are very useful. I really like the idea of the devices because we can do work with them any time of the day and we don’t have to book the iPads or go to the resource centre. Sometimes the devices are difficult to turn on and they can have a lot of problems with internet connection and can be very slow. Over all I think they are great things to study with and use for work in Year 7. I really like the tablets. I rate the devices a 10/10.

*Danielle Greig*

This year the Year 7’s and Year 8’s got their new devices. We mainly use our devices for research and occasionally listen to music (but only if we’re allowed to of course). Our devices make it easier to research and do work without having to book the computing room or the iPad. On the down side we sometimes can’t connect to the internet and they load slowly but we now know how to fix them. The Year 7’s are thrilled to have them especially as we now have our Maths books on them! *Keelie Sjostrom*

I think that the devices are good because we can use them for all kinds of things. They’re really handy because we don’t have to go to the resource room or book the iPad. I think the devices are great for learning, they are also really good for typing up a story. The devices occasionally don’t turn on and the internet has faults. Overall I think the devices are great. *Fraser Hanlon*
Parents and Friends News

St Mark’s Parent and Friends Committee would like to remind everyone they are having two Fundraisers this term.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Bakers Delight will donate $2 to the School for every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns ordered. With a choice of Traditional, Choc Chip, Mocha and Fruitless, there is a Hot Cross Bun to suit all tastes.

Orders and payment are due back by Monday 16 March and delivery will be on Monday 30 March (week of Easter) at Benedict Campus.

Movie Night Fundraiser
A Movie Night will be held at Benedict Hall on Thursday 9 April. $5 Movie or students can see the double feature for $7.
Parents and Friends will be selling $1 bags of lollies, pop tops and small packets chips. Wear your Onesie or PJs! BYO beanbag, pillow, teddy or pillow pet!
Don’t miss this fun night!

SMC Parents and Friends Committee

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Lions Youth Exchange Program
This Program gives Australian youth aged between 16 and 21 years, the opportunity to live with Lion families overseas during their end of year Summer holidays. The Program does not involve tuition or school attendance, but is rather a cultural holiday whereby students can immerse themselves in a new culture, enjoy supervised sightseeing and practise second language skills such as French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish etc.

Leo Clubs
Leo Clubs focus on individual and social development of teens, and the personal and professional development of young adults. Membership is open to teenagers and young adults aged 12 to 30 years. Each Leo Club is mentored by, and works in partnership with, their local Lions Club.

If you wish to know more about these two Lions Australia Youth Programs, details are available from:
www.lionsclub.org.au/je
www.lionsclub.org.au/activities/youth/leos

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Southern Flinders Players presents
GREASE
The Musical
6th March @ 7.30pm & 7th March @ 1pm & 7.30pm
Adults $30. Students/Concession $20
Keith Michell Theatre - (08) 8633 8500

Book music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey
by arrangement with Casinghini Theatricals
www.southflinderscollege.com.au

“Break a leg” to all our St Mark’s staff and students involved in the Southern Flinders Players Production of “Grease”

Port Football and Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 10.00am