We were ‘all in this together’ as High School Musical earned much applause. Our parents gathered in big numbers, the Handley Cup was left behind in Gawler and there has been an important policy change.

‘All in this Together’
We have now performed our College musical ‘High School Musical’ to wonderful reviews. Audiences have enjoyed the production. They were entertained and proud of the students. They applauded the energy and the creativity of the ensemble and they recognised a great achievement. They were humming the songs as they left the theatre and shared a wonderful theatrical time. I had a chance to work back stage and watched the ensemble develop. I saw the weight of pressure carried by Director Sandy Lee as she guided and managed with beautiful care. She crafted with deep respect and graciousness and fashioned a superb show. I watched the intensity and excitement in the eyes of the actors as they anticipated walking onto stage, into the glare and vulnerability of those stage lights. And they walked well. They walked with much talent. I watched them brave and resolved and having the time of their lives. And I delighted at their joy as the curtain came down and there were hugs and affirmations, backslaps and high fives. They had achieved something special, something important. This became something very significant to them and they worked hard for it. That’s why they were excited. And then I watched the backstage crew, dressed in black, waiting to roll on a prop, fix a microphone, attend to a costume and they were singing every song, and somehow dancing the terrific choreography in the squeezed backstage blackness. I enjoyed watching dedicated staff like Fiona Clarke, Naomi Creek and Rohan Cheong step in and mentor. I knew that teachers cared, that hearts were filled with song, that applause echoed around the auditorium and that St Mark’s can produce quality theatre. I extend my congratulations and gratitude. There was a beautiful truth in the song ‘We’re all in this together’. Being together created magic. Being together entertained and being together grew young people and community.

Parent Information Night
I have been deeply assured of our partnership through a gathering of families last week. We offered our Year 10 and 11 parents an opportunity to learn a little more about senior secondary life, about subject options, and about the process to select a course of study. We were absolutely delighted with the response. The two venues on the same night were filled with parents. They made a strong statement by their presence about the importance of the partnership and the care that they have for their child. It was always about the relationship, and the sharing together, in commitment for the hopes of the child. I extend a thanks to the parents for attending and look forward to realising the important goals that we discussed. I thank Mrs Meriam De Vries and the Academic Staff who offered insight and guidance.

Salesian Conference in Melbourne
A number of the Executive Team of the College were fortunate enough to attend the Australian Salesian Leaders’ Conference held in Melbourne. It was a gathering of about 50 Salesian educational leaders. It brought...
St John Bosco 200th Birthday F-12 Mass
Monday 17 August
GSH at 10am

Senior School Subject Counselling
Year 10 into Year 11
Wednesday 19 August
Year 11 into Year 12
Thursday 20 August

Bosco Literary Dress Up Day
Friday 21 August

First Holy Communion
Saturday 22 August
Sunday 23 August

Ag Open Day
Thursday 27 August

Book Week
Week 6
Monday 24 August - Friday 28 August
Monday 24 - Assembly 11.25am
Friday 28 - Dress Up Day and Parade at 9.15am

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Benedict and Family Photos
Wednesday 26 August
Bosco Photos
Thursday 27 August

Congratulations to the cast and crew of ‘High School Musical on Stage’ on a wonderful production.

Father Dennis Handley Cup
I wandered the very beautiful fields and courts of Xavier College last week watching the enthusiasm and the skill of our Bosco sportspeople. They were involved in the sporting interchange that celebrates the life of past principal Fr Dennis Handley and affirms our shared Salesian heritage. There were nine St Mark’s teams playing when two the Colleges gathered: Xavier versus St Mark’s in Soccer, Netball and Football. Our ‘intercoll’ was a wonderful experience of sporting endeavour and school pride. I cheered at the skill and was inspired by the effort of our students. They play with heart and they play with determination. And some of them are very, very good. There was such an important spirit of generosity as they played for the glory of the school colours. It was less about an individual and more about a school. We encouraged this effort and we also emphasised the connection in a Salesian context. A feature of the exchange was the quality of sportsmanship. People played fairly. There was a respect and friendship even in the competitive environment. Each team awarded the opponent the ‘Best on Ground’. Individuals were acknowledged for fairness and effort by the opposing side. ‘A great insight’ I thought. I thank Ms Jesslyn Oxford for her management and the staff/coaches for their support. I congratulate the students who tried their best but fell in the last moments of the day. We had to leave the Handley Cup in Gawler this year. Xavier won but they will be up here next year to face much steely determination. Dennis Handley would have it no other way.

South Australian Catholic Education - Same Day Start Information
The South Australian Catholic Education Commission has reversed a decision on the Same Day Start for the Foundation students. There is now permission to have a Term 3 intake. The policy previously stated that we do one intake in Term 1 and if a child turned 5 after May 1st they would start school the following year in Term 1. Now the policy is that Foundations will begin at the start of the year, Term 1 and we will do a second intake in Term 3 for children born later in the year, on or up to 31st October. This would mean a student could do six terms in Foundation.

We will not be in a position to respond immediately to this amendment. Any changes will have an impact on families and communities. There has to be discussion. Whilst it may seem obvious to allow a six term intake group we need College Board and community discussions prior to being able to give parents an indication of how we intend to proceed. I will keep the community posted.

Greg Hay,
Principal
**Around the College**

**Religious Education**

Next Monday we have a whole school celebration of the 200th Birthday of Don Bosco. Our F-12 Mass will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall at 10am. Family members are invited to join us for the celebration.

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the First time next weekend:

- Kye Boulton
- Riley King
- Kate Burgess
- Brodie Anderson
- Amity Lane
- Ryder Petagna
- Aslin Spalding
- Ayeisha Everett
- Jazlyn McBride
- Jenaya Pisani
- Annabel Arnold
- Kayla Lorusso
- Amity Williams
- Hayden Scaran
- Taylah Dunbar
- Ethan Keeley
- Elia Champion
- Elizabeth Fink
- Ethan Park
- Baylee Connelly
- Milana Tattoli
- Ethan Park
- Amelia Gourd
- Daria Connelly
- Milana Tattoli
- Jaxson Whelan
- Ethan Park
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- Milana Tattoli
- Jaxson Whelan
- Robbie Gadaleta
- Blake Hanlon
- Mia Williams
- Sophie Tattoli
- Marc Richards
- Anna Cunningham
- Morgan Cullen
- Tate Noble
- Bella Porta
- Claire Coffey
- Meteha DiGeronimo
- Antonio Amato
- Jesslyn Dite
- Marni Freer
- Kirra Stringer
- Grace McBride
- Darcy Greig
- Myles Jackson
- Jessica Wilson
- Noah Gebert
- Thomas McNamara
- Amelia Gourd
- Daria Connelly
- Jaxson Whelan
- Thomas McNamara
- Baylee Connelly
- Milana Tattoli
- Joel Gadaleta
- Scarlett Johns
- Marcus Spadavecchia
- Alexia Manners

We pray for these children as they undertake this important step to further their relationship with God and the Church Community. May their participation in the sacrament of the Eucharist always be a source of strength and courage as they journey through life with Jesus as their companion.

Katie Pole,
RE Liturgy/Sacramental Coordinator

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**Soup Kitchen**

This year Homelessness Australia launched its annual prevention week from 3 to 7 August. The theme was ‘step up and get involved’, to help raise awareness for homelessness around Australia. St Mark's College stepped up to help their local community and drive an initiative that would help those living in homeless conditions in the Port Pirie Region.

On Thursday 6 August, 25 enthusiastic students and 10 excited teachers gave up their time to be a part of the soup kitchen that was initiated and driven by teacher, Stephanie Bordignon. To support this worthy cause, Harry's Home Made Fine Foods on Highway 1 kindly donated the vegetables needed to drive this fundraiser. The action was perfect to promote and make people aware of how lucky we are to have food on the table and a roof over our heads each night, when 1 in 200 Australians don't have this luxury that we often take for granted. Over 40 litres of soup was cooked, which filled 100 plastic containers to be donated to St Vincent DePaul– Fred’s Van and Uniting Care Wesley, Port Pirie. It was a fantastic event that promoted awareness and unity between our school and the Port Pirie Community.

Thank you to our St Mark's staff and students who volunteered to be part of a soup kitchen which cooked up over 40 litres of soup to donate to St Vincent DePaul-Fred’s Van and UnitingCare Wesley as part of Homelessness Annual Prevention Week.
From the Deputy Principal

Last Thursday I went to the annual Salesian Leaders Conference in Melbourne with our Executive Team. This is a chance to get together with the other eight Salesian schools in the Australia/Pacific Province. The conference was one of the best that I have been to and the collegiality that was felt and shared by everyone there – priceless. It is a wonderful thing to know that you are not alone in what you do. The Don Bosco way of learning and teaching is definitely a special one that starts within each one of us and is grown and developed through our thoughts and actions each day. I know that the Executive Team gained a lot from this experience and it will shape our St Mark's College direction into the future.

Don Bosco Bicentennary

The 200th Birthday of Don Bosco is this weekend. Our College celebrations will take place on Monday with a Whole College Mass in the Good Samaritan Hall at 10 o'clock. There will be a special birthday celebration at the end of Mass for all to enjoy. Parents, friends and parish are welcome to come along and join with us for this special milestone.

On the following day, a group of students from both Bosco and Benedict Campus’ will travel to Adelaide for another celebration with both Xavier and Don Bosco Colleges. This will also involve a special liturgical celebration, a shared lunch and a concert to mark the occasion.

Homelessness Talk

Last Friday the Year 7s listened to a talk on ‘Homelessness’ with Mr Adam Tee from Wesley Uniting Care. The students learned that there are different meanings for homelessness and varied reasons why people can become homeless. The statistics of homelessness in Australia were quite astounding with the large majority being children under 14 years of age. For Port Pirie alone, there are an average of 200 people in our community that are homeless at any one time. This awareness for our students is difficult to understand but at the same time, one that is important for them to know. We are very lucky in our community to have what we do and it is important to remember to appreciate this and remember those that are less fortunate.

Disabled Car Park Area

Please can families ensure that the use of the Disabled Car Parking area is left clear at all times for those who have a legitimate permit to use it. The area that is currently designated for the disabled car parking is directly opposite the gate leading into the Good Samaritan Hall. It is marked out with four smaller cones. During this period of change we appreciate that things are not permanently set up, but we do ask that everyone works together to ensure the car park not only continues to flow well but is accessible to everyone using it. The Car Park Map that was sent home late last term is available in the Front Office for anyone wishing to see the changes and where everything is set up. Thank you in anticipation for your support and co-operation.

Book Week

Book Week is a wonderful way of celebrating the many talented authors and illustrators in Australia as well as a week to remember the importance of learning and knowing how to read. This year’s theme is ‘Books Light Up the World’. Last Week, Our Foundation to Year 5’s were entertained by the Splash Theatre Company’s Book Week Show. They travelled with them through the acting out of several books in many, varied and clever ways; travelling in their imaginations into the glorious worlds that books take us to. Classes will be looking at and completing many wonderful and varied activities around this year’s book finalists during the coming weeks, which will culminate in the much anticipated, Book Week Parade on Friday of Week 6. So, take up your readers, and be immersed in the enjoyment of reading – you won’t regret it!

Kylie Smith,
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus
Benedict School Photos and Family Photos

Wednesday 26 August

☐ Full school winter uniform to be worn. In accordance with the College Uniform policy if hair is falling onto the face or below the collar it must be tied back. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on the College website for clarification.

☐ Every student must return their photo envelope even if you are not purchasing photos

☐ Photos begin at 8.50am please ensure all students arrive promptly at school on this day.

☐ Please note: NO CHANGE will be available from Benedict or Bosco Office so please have the correct money placed in your child’s envelope.

FAMILY PHOTOS will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall on Wednesday 26 August

Family photo envelopes are available from Benedict or Bosco Office. Some Benedict only family photos may be taken before lunch if the schedule permits. Family Photo times:
1.40-1.50pm photos for families with surname beginning A-L
1.50-2.15pm photos for families with surname beginning M-Z

Please note - A waiting time is to be expected due to the large number of families having photos taken.

Science International Assessments and Competition Results

Credit
Ethan Park
Scarlett Tod
Fergus Tod
Jonas Blight

Merit
Laura Watt

Participation
Dylan Pike
Hayden Pike
Kamsi Onwuchekwa
Aaliyan Hashmi
Abbas Shah

Digital Technologies International Assessments and Competition Results

Distinction
Aaliyan Hashmi
Fergus Tod

Credit
Ethan Park
Scarlett Tod

Merit
Abbas Shah
Jonas Blight

Participation
Austin Dunbar
Dylan Pike
Hayden Pike
Kamsi Onwuchekwa
Jaxson Whelan
Anton Giancaspro

Parents and Friends Fundraiser

St Mark’s Parents and Friends are having a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. $5 from every box purchased goes to the School. Delivery and pick up will be on Thursday 17 September from the Good Samaritan Hall at Benedict Campus.

Order Forms and payments are due back to Bosco or Benedict Front Office by Wednesday 9 September.

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Star Students

Year 7 Red
Keelie Sjostrom
Caleb Thompson

Year 7 Blue
Tom Ralph
Kallis Freer

Year 7 Green
Will Peterson
Tania Pasculli

Year 6 Blue
Toby Hurst
Claudia Cagney

Year 6 Red
Georgia Anderson
Alphie Taylor

Year 6 Green
Katelyn Guy
Grace Tattoli

Year 5 Red
Ryan Finlay
William Hubert

Year 5 Blue
Katie Doyle
Luke Fowler

Year 4 Red
Riley King
Amelia Gourd

Year 4 Blue
Marni Freer
Hayden Scarman

Year 4 Green
Aslin Spolding
Kiera Skorpos

Year 3 Blue
Ruby Simpson
Leo Cretan

Year 3 Red
Abbas Shah
Mia Simounds

Year 2 Red
Schofield Leske
Julius Hanlon

Year 2 Blue
Tyler Hudson
Davyn Freer
Charlie Dickeson

Year 1 Blue
Kyleah Dunstall
Jacob Davis

Year 1 Green
Declan Dunbar
Bailey Yarrow

Year 1 Red
Finley Roberts
Mitchell Taylor

Foundation Blue
Lilli Yiannoulis
Zahra Wilson

Foundation Green
Hamish Caputo
Leana Nannapaneni

Foundation Red
Isabel Irving
Liam O’Shaugnessy
Bosco Spirit

College life at Bosco is blessed with a richness of hidden and extra curricula opportunities. To see students engaged in activities such as the Musical, Knockout Sport and Social Justice initiatives like the soup kitchen brings a smile to the heart.

This term I have seen firsthand just how proud our students are to represent the College, particularly when it comes to sport. This can be seen in everything they do from the smile they get when the strips are handed out to their on-field demeanour and sportsmanship. They play with great heart and have a deep respect for the game and the uniform. Truly, they are quite exceptional and a joy to watch.

Subject Choices and Subject Counselling

The start of the term has seen our senior students making choices about the subjects they wish to undertake in 2016. Both our Year 10 and 11 students have been guided in how to make their choices which was launched at our recent SACE Information Evening.

The next phase of our subject selection process takes shape in the form of individual subject counselling. On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 5 our Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/caregivers will be invited into the College to discuss their child’s subject choices. At this time, information about precluded combinations will be discussed as students begin to make important decisions linked to their future career aspirations. Parents and students will also be given the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice or assistance.

A note will be sent home with your child indicating their scheduled time and subject counsellor. All subject counselling meetings will take place in the Bishop Gallagher Centre. If you have any questions about the subject selection process please contact myself or Meriam Devries our Director of Curriculum.

Year 12 Student Progress

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who have now completed their Research Project. The results are now live on schools online which students can of course access at any time. Year 12 students can now channel their energy onto completing their final 4 subjects and with only a few assessment tasks left to complete the end is in sight.

I encourage our Year 12’s to remain diligent with their application and study routine over the last 8 academic weeks and remind parents that we are only a phone call away. Later this term our Year 12 Coordinator, John Gibson will guide all Year 12 students through the process required to apply for University and TAFE.

Year 8 Retreat

The spirit in which the Year 8’s embraced their Retreat Day was wonderful. They were respectful, open and enjoyed the opportunity to learn new things in the company of friends. The Retreat provided our students with an opportunity to stop and reflect deeply. It had all the essential elements of prayer, scripture and stillness. Of course, there were also times where students engaged in fun games and community building exercises that generated much joy and laughter, fostering the spirit of Don Bosco and celebrating what it is to be young.

The knowledge and skills that we are hope to develop in our young people through their participation on retreat days has more to do with the inner journey and the sacredness that dwells within. The importance of this learning helps our students deepen their understanding of what it means to be in relationship with God.

All of these activities speak volumes about the community here at St Mark’s. We are a place of Great Spirit, which is just wonderful to witness.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus
Student Pathways

Week 2 saw TAFE SA put on a “TASTER” course for their Certificate 2 in Hair and Beauty. For three days, four of our Year 11’s; Tiah Gray, Michaela Cullen, Chloe White and Kia Tilbrook, took part in a preparation course where they learnt and practiced skills for work in the Hair and Beauty Industry and gained 5 SACE credits for doing so!

Also, the Certificate 2 Construction lads were hard at work when I visited TAFE in Week 2. Austin Lowe, Jake Brooks, Joel Demarco, Blayde Harding and Oliver Cosmoi were far too busy to smile for the camera!

Subject selections are coming up soon for Year 10 and 11 students, so if you think that TAFE is an option for your child, please contact me for more information.

Simone Atkinson,  
Student Pathways Coordinator
Around the College

Fr Dennis Handley Cup 2015

On Wednesday 5 August, the St Mark’s team travelled to Xavier College in Gawler for the fifth annual Fr Dennis Handley Cup. Each year, the sporting exchange takes place between the two Salesian schools in South Australia, St Mark’s College and Xavier College of Gawler in memory of Fr Dennis Handley, a past Principal of both schools.

This year saw the introduction of the Year 8 girls Netball and the Open Boys Soccer team to the Cup, as well as Football and Netball, to promote more participation from students in both schools. The weather looked ominous as we travelled down the highway, but the rain held out for the Year 9 and 10 boys to take the field, where they played a strong Xavier side. The St Mark’s team were faced with a tough opposition and Xavier pulled through with the win. This game was followed by the Open team. In a much tighter contest, St Mark’s fought hard all game but were run over in the last quarter by Xavier. The Open Soccer boys were involved in a nail biter on the pitch, with a 3 all draw to finish the game resulting in penalty shoot outs. It could have been anyone’s game, although the Xavier team kicked some excellent goals, winning the match overall.

It was left in the hands of the netballers. The Year 11 and 12 girls took the court first and fought hard to win by comfortable margins. The Year 10 Netball team, were faced with a tough opposition, they tried hard all game, but went down. It was the Year 8 and 9 girls turn to take the court, the wind was cold and the rain fell, we needed one win to ensure the Netball Shield stayed at St Mark’s. The Year 9 girls tried their best, but the Xavier girls were just too strong, winning convincingly. The Year 8 girls saved the shield, running away with the win in the final quarter. Ensuring we took home the Netball Shield for the day.

Although the Fr Dennis Handley Cup stayed at Xavier College in Gawler this year, the contest was an outstanding display of sportsmanship from the St Mark’s team, and the students participated excellently throughout the day.

Jesslyn Oxford,
Bosco Sports Coordinator

All of our St Mark’s students fought hard in their sporting games against Xavier College at the annual Fr Dennis Handley Cup in Gawler.

Sports News

SMC Netball

This weekend is the last minor round for U11 up to A Grade. It appears we will have a strong representation in the finals matches. Some grades finals campaigns will rely on wins this weekend.

Under 8 and 9 players complete their matches on Saturday August 22. There will be a medal presentation for these players after the games. For forward planning the Junior Netball Presentations (U8 to I Grade) will be Monday September 7 and the Senior Presentation will be on Sunday September 20. Further details of these events will be distributed shortly.

Katie Pole,
SMC Netball Coordinator

SMC Soccer

Our soccer season is entering its final stages and it doesn’t seem that long ago that teams and coaches were being sorted and guernseys handed out.

The Under 8 teams have 2 more games for the season – this Saturday 15 August and Saturday 29 August. There are no games on 22 August for any of the grades due to Country Championships.

Last weekend was the last game of the minor round for Under 10’s, Primary and High School teams.

We congratulate Under 10 United and Primary Strikers and Victory who finished in top position for the season. Teams were presented with the premiership shield after last week’s games and will receive medals on grand final day.

This weekend we begin the cup round for Under 10, Primary and High School.

We wish all teams competing the best of luck.

Soccer Grand Final date is Saturday 5 September. All games will be played at Senate Road grounds.

Pia Keain,
SMC Soccer Coordinator

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Around the College

Literacy at Benedict Campus

**Book Buddy**
Friday of Week 4 is the final day of Book Buddy 2015. Congratulations to our Junior Primary students for attending Book Buddy for two mornings a week. The growth in student confidence and enjoyment was wonderful to see as the weeks went on. Thank you to the Year 7’s who continued to support and encourage the younger students, and to the teachers who gave up their personal time to supervise each morning. Thanks also to Mary, for volunteering her time to support the children and staff at the Book Buddy club.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
A huge number of PRC entries have been received and entered at Benedict campus from Foundation to Year 7. Congratulations Benedict campus! There are only a few weeks to go with final entries due on 4 September. We ask you to encourage your child to compete the 12 book challenge if they haven’t already. Entries can be placed in the special box in the Benedict library.

**Book Week at Benedict - ’Books Light Up Our World’**
Monday - Assembly 11.25am
Friday - Dress Up Day Parade 9.15am

This year we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Children’s Book Council of Australia. The theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Benedict will hold an assembly on Monday at 11.25am to begin Book Week. Please note that this will replace the usual Wednesday assembly for Week 6. During the week, individual classes will read Book Week stories as part of Literacy and take part in classroom activities. Some of the younger classes will take part in buddy reading with Bosco students and one of our classes will visit the Port Pirie Library for a special Book Week activity. Students will also be presented with a Book Week challenge with points going towards the House Challenge. The challenge is a great way to promote reading at home and family reading time. Friday is dress up or accessory day. Students are invited to dress up in the theme of Book Week or as a favourite book character. There will be a parade for all Benedict classes on Friday morning in the GSH at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to join in with the fun!

You can check out the texts as a family before Book Week online, at your local book store or in a library. Lists of the 2015 short listed and notable books can be found on the Children’s Book Council of Australia website. A few picture book favourites so far are Pig the Pug, The Stone Lion and Go to Sleep Jessie!

*Teresa Gadoleta, Benedict Literacy Coordinator*

St Mark’s College Salvage Sale

Items being offered for Sale will be made available for inspection during the following times:

**Wednesday 19 August to Friday 21 August**
2.30 pm – 4.00pm

**Saturday 22 August**
8.30am – 10.30am

**Where:** St Marks College Trade Skill Centre, Drage St

Tender forms available from the Administration Office or at the Maintenance Shed.

**Tenders close 4.00pm Friday 28 August**
and must be dropped into the Tender Box located at the Administration Office on The Terrace.

**Items available for Sale include:**
- Assorted Small Chairs (86)
- Assorted Plastic Chairs (300+)
- Assorted Swivel Chairs (8)
- Double Size Student Desk (60+)
- HP Computers (8)
- Hard Wired Strip Heaters (8)
- Various Florescent Fittings (20)
- Refrigerated Room Air Conditioners (10)
- Treated Pine Timbers & Decking
- Assorted Permapine Posts
- Aluminum Security Screens

*Terms and Conditions apply (details attached to the Tender forms)*

Book Buddy 2015 has come to an end and we would like to thank our dedicated Junior Primary students and our volunteers who met twice a week to foster their love of reading and books.
McNally Farm

Crystal Brook Show
This year we took three of our steers to the Crystal Brook Show, and experienced the comfort of the fantastic new cattle showing facility. St Mark’s students in attendance were:
Year 11 - Ashleigh Morrell, Tessa Bernhardt, Isabella Brevi and Larry Stanley.
Year 10 - Natasha Williams, Aysha Higginbottom, Tom Hill, Josh Kleinig and George Seppelt.
Year 8 - Peggy Jackson who represented Goolagong Stud with her Santa Gertrudis cattle.
In the School’s led Steer under 450kg class, our Hereford (Bert, A & M Wilson Kerlson Pines) placed first, and our Shorthorn (Otis, GE Ashby and Sons. Bundaleer) came second. In the over 450 kg class, our Simmental (Corey, AJ & JD Head, Caloundra,) came second. In the combined two classes competition, our Hereford Bert, was awarded Reserve Champion.
Peggy Jackson had success gaining one first and two seconds with her Heifers, and went on to win Reserve Champion with Goolagong Kitty Kat.
George Seppelt competed in the Steer Judging and won second place in the Wool judging.
Our students are to be commended for their great team spirit and cattle management skills on the day. Thanks must also go to Joel, Monique and James for all of their help with the cattle on the day.

Paul Matthews, Agriculture Teacher

Port Football and Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 10.00am

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and anyone with a passion for
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For more information phone
1300 301 742 or email
Rowan.Ramsey.MP@aph.gov.au
RSVP before 28 August

Blessing of the Fleet Procession
and Dance Performance

Any Year 3 girls who are interested in walking in the Blessing of the Fleet Procession wearing ‘Italian costumes’ and learning the traditional Tarantella dance to perform at the picnic lunch during the Procession lunch break - please contact Melissa Gadaleta in person at Benedict or on 86322881 (home) for further details asap. Costumes are provided.

Are you the child or grandchild of an Australian Veteran?
The Australian Veteran’s Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) offers bursaries and scholarships to help children and grandchildren of Australian Veterans. Applications open 18 August.
For more information please ring (02) 9213 7999, go to www.avcat.org.au or email avcat@dva.gov.au

Come and Try Cricket!
Southport Cricket Club invites you to come and try cricket at the Port Football Oval on 30 August at 10.30am. Come along enjoy a junior coaching clinic and free bbq lunch as well as check out the club and it’s facilities, have a net with our bowling machine or roll your arm over. You can register on the day.