Our Year 12s gathered beautifully. The St Mark’s families shared a Mass and some fun. The Year 9s enjoy a challenge and the Salesian connection remains strong.

Our Year 12s gathered beautifully on two occasions as part of their farewell since our last Newsletter. We met at the Cathedral with families for Mass on Thursday night and then for a traditional farewell breakfast and ‘goodbye assembly’ on the Friday. I was able to share this time with wonderful young people who seem ready to take on the world.

The Mass was a time for friends and family. It was a truly beautiful moment of symbols and ritual. The Year 12s walked into the cathedral with great dignity and unity. They walked in House groups. They held symbols to their gathered families to begin. We smiled in gentle solemnity when we saw the old Reception uniform and thought about growing; about their achievement and how quickly the whole thing had been. We gave thanks for the long time spent together when we saw the cohesion in their Retreat photo and we remembered the power of their friendships as they stood smiling and strong together. We quietly applauded scholarship when we saw the symbol of books.

We gathered in prayerful celebration with Father Francis. He was joyful, witty, and expressed our gratitude as we reflected on the conclusion of a St Mark’s College education. In the excitement of finishing we were also able to understand the holiness of this moment. It was expressed in the handing on of a Crucifix and the draping of a sash with the names of the Year 12s. There was a whirl of emotion in the gathering; pride, gratitude, numbness at how swift it has been, hope and deep love in the excitement. We celebrated within Eucharist. It was most important to hear from Erini Seindanis and James Ganley as they offered public thanks as Captains. Their voice was powerful. They defined what was important about the gathering. It was wonderful to be together in that great and holy place.

It was the bacon and eggs on the Friday morning with streaming sun, relaxed Year 12s in spring frocks and coloured shorts and a festive table set to celebrate. The generous staff offered a morning banquet of farewell. There were
moments of fun and speeches that made us laugh. The Deputy Principal spoke to the whole community along with a representative of each year group and with poignancy, they offered a goodbye. The House Leaders had organised a House send-off and each Year 12 was named and celebrated. Each received a parting gift and there were words which affirmed their time at our College. The Year Level Coordinator, John Gibson, then gathered them for a farewell of funny anecdotes and simple teasing. It was a great celebration of the Year 12s. They left well and we expect them back for a series of exams and final passing of in-of assignments. However, they have emptied their lockers. They have left.

The Family Mass and Picnic
The Parent and Friends offered an opportunity for families to gather last weekend. We enjoyed a Mass and a Picnic together. It was a relaxed and easy day where we joined in celebration of the importance of family.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Francis. With his enthusiasm for St Mark’s families, he made us so welcome. I felt that he truly embraced the treasure that is our family life. There were many in attendance and the Mass had all those elements of family life. There seemed a constant noise and chatter as somewhere in the Cathedral half a dozen toddlers muddled around chatting to themselves in their personal language. And as we said our prayers we couldn’t help noticing the grandmother holding the newborn baby in that grandparent tenderness of soft cheek to loving cheek. We saw a mum’s arm casually comforting and connecting with a five year old and a dad standing more formally, modelling Church respect, as a son stood close and modelled a dad. We saw the two year old climbing amongst the pews and heard only a couple of thumps as they crashed and hit their heads in their holy exploration. You know that five second silence before the bellow? We heard that as well. We were proud of the students who read prayers publically and with such concentration. As they returned to their seats there was an exchange of delighted smiles and a quick hug of congratulations from a parent. We admired Kylie Smith when the song wouldn’t play on the sound system and she went for it A Capella. That was amazing! It was a great Mass and was followed by a relaxed picnic at Benedict. There were treats to eat, games to play, people to chat with and a vigorous great race around the campus. I was so pleased that our families had gathered. I was grateful to the P+F and Jo Court in particular for their management. I delighted in the dancers and the choir who entertained. They really are so talented. It was a grand get together, an easy and informal celebration of our unity. My congratulations.

The Year 9 Camp
This week I popped into the Scout Centre at Woodhouse to say hello to the Year 9 campers. They were doing well. They had just had a shower and were seated for tea after having launched themselves into an afternoon of adventure. They had been mountain bike riding and high tower climbing. They had been through a Challenge Course and had expended much energy overcoming what they thought were personal limitations. There were a few scraped legs, lots of damp clothes, a number of stories of a near miss, smiles of achievement and they certainly tuck into the food with energy replenishing hunger. They were full of Year 9 vitality and they seemed content and happy. They were responsive to the requirements of being together and they were having simple fun. I noted a cohesion; an easy gentle manner in interactions. I felt very grateful to the teachers who asked them to go beyond boundaries and who carefully crafted a team unity through challenge.

Salesian Principal Visit to Melbourne
I had a chance to meet with the Salesian Principals of Australia in Melbourne last week.

It was a time to talk about our schools and the manner in which the spirit of St John Bosco permeates our activity and our relationships. My trip included a tour of Salesian College at Chadstone and a discussion with a group of dedicated professionals about education and life. The group gathered with a keen interest to share ideas. I feel very grateful for the opportunity and know that our school shares a valued Salesian spirit and faithfulness with eight others.

Greg Hay,
Principal
Sienna explains to her Mum Tamara what she has been doing in class.

Amit had a great time showing her Dad Steve around the school.

Dyson and Connor Stephens share a special family moment at the conclusion of the Year 12 Mass.

Lochlan O’Brien receiving warm congratulations from his Mum.
Around the College

Up and Coming Events

**Monday 7 Dec** – St Mark’s Parents & Friends Xmas Dinner at the Flinders Motel on Main from 6:30pm. RSVP on the P&F Facebook page or to dj.court@bigpond.com

**St Mark’s Parents & Friends Profile**

**Introducing your Secretary**

**Name:** Tracy Dear

**Link to St Mark’s:** I have one child at St Mark’s, Capri is in Grade 2 Blue. I also have two older children that spent their senior years at St Marks - a daughter Booley (22) who is currently residing in London and manages bars at music festivals throughout the UK and Europe, and a son Jonty (20) who is in his 3rd year at uni and is spending this semester studying at McGill University in Canada.

**Who am I?** I grew up in Adelaide but have lived in various towns around Australia and even spent 6 months living in Bahrain in the Middle East. I have a strong background in Finance and Administration and have spent many years in mining towns including Jabiru, Tom Price and Roxby Downs. My family and I moved to Nelsbary approximately eight years ago and love the lifestyle of this region. I am really enjoying my work as a Regional Support Worker for Red Cross and I am proud to be a part of the global humanitarian organisation.

**Why did I join P&F?** I love being involved in the school community and playing my part in helping out. I like to help out the committee in any other way that I am available. Seeing as I am not born and bred in Port Pirie, I have found that the P&F committee has been a great way to meet the school community!

**What’s Our Agenda:**

Thank you for all your concerns about the Benedict car park. P&F have passed these concerns on to the school. Just to let you know shelter for the new drop off/pick up area at Benedict will be funded by the school. Thank you for all your other suggestions for spending P&F funds. At our last P&F meeting we agreed to fund the following projects and school items:

- Buddy benches at Benedict
- Flags for Bosco
- A system for displaying art work in the new art centre shop front window at Bosco
- 2 x sports day heavy duty shelters to replace shelters starting to break
- 1 x heavy duty shelter for P&F

Next year we’d like to work towards funding trees as shelter between the grass hockey fields and the open paddock facing Bosco campus. We will look at funding something for both the new learning centre at Benedict and the Year 12 Precinct at Bosco. Before the end of this year we will hopefully be funding some technical Lego programs and Lego blocks for Benedict. This will be voted on at our Christmas Dinner. Please if you have any new suggestions for spending P&F funds we’d love to hear from you. Post us a message on Facebook or email us on dj.court@bigpond.com.

**Year of the Family Prayer**

Heavenly Father, you bless us with the gifts of life and love so powerfully present in our midst through families.

In praise of your gifts we offer you in return our commitment to love and care for one another as family - as our own family, as church family and as part of the great human family.

In whatever state of life we find ourselves, whether married or single, widowed or divorced, clergy or religious, young or elderly or in complicated situations, may your love be real and deeply felt.

Bestow your blessings on mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, bless brothers and sisters. Embrace those who are alone and feel that they are abandoned. Make us one family for you are Our Father, and we your children. Make our house a dwelling place of love, respect, understanding, forgiveness and support.

In sickness and in health, in poverty and plenty, in joy and in sorrow, may we never give up on each other, may we never give up on our families, may we never give up on your extraordinary gift of family life.

We ask the intercession of Mary, our mother and Joseph, her spouse, who cared for Jesus in Nazareth, who is our Lord for ever and ever. Amen.
From the Deputy Principal
The Year of the Family at St Mark’s
What a wonderful celebration of our school, home and parish families that was held on the 25/26 October. Our three celebrations all moulded together to form a beautiful, fun community where we prayed, sang, ate, played, shared and enjoyed being together.

Our term ‘Family Mass’, themed: ‘God Has Made Us a Family’ was celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our community there. Thankfully everyone had their singing voices on after starting with a few technical difficulties. Thank you to all those who took on a special role within the Mass. Special thanks to Fr Francis for assisting in making this a joyous family occasion.

Following Mass was the P&F planned ‘Family Fun Day’ at Benedict Oval. This was well attended with a fabulous ‘Amazing Race’ for families to take part in. It was quite a challenge and there were definitely some worthy winners! Other activities included some special appearances from our Hip Hoppers and Choir, along with; pony rides, face painting, a jumpy castle, cake/slice stall, coffee van, BBQ and items to buy. A huge thank you and congratulations to the P&F Committee who worked tirelessly to put this together. What a team effort!!

On Monday morning from 9-10 am we invited families to come in to school for a special ‘Family Open Hour’. We began in the Good Samaritan Hall with a special liturgy. There were SO many families present that it was standing room only! From there, students went back to their classrooms where they had prepared some special things about their family to share. Families walked around and looked at classrooms, some being led by their children. There were many stories being shared and smiles on faces. Everyone enjoyed our ‘Brain Food’ (Fruit) time together at the end before everyone went ‘back to business’ for the rest of the day. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. For those who weren’t, we hope that you heard all about it and shared the stories with your children at home? Hopefully there will be another opportunity to do this early in the new year.☺

Car Park
There have been some concerns raised by families around the exit to the car park, that is: the left and right hand arrows. This was a Council decision to assist with the flow of traffic and easing of congestion when those ‘busy’ times occur each morning and afternoon. As a school we cannot monitor the movement of traffic in the carpark, only the movement of students. Therefore it is up to each individual driver to maintain the highest level of road safety, when in the Benedict Car Park area. Pedestrians, please maintain high levels of vigilance when crossing the walkways and adhere to the signs at each crossing as much as possible. Remember, wave cars through and remind them that they have the right of way. As a school, we greatly appreciate the cohesiveness with which everyone is working together to ensure the car park remains safe and user friendly for all. Thank you.

PIRLS Testing
On Wednesday, our Year 4 green class took part in a Literacy Study called PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) Testing. PIRLS is an international assessment of reading comprehension at Year 4 level that has been conducted every five years since 2001. This year we were selected to take part and are one of 50 schools participating in Australia. The test involved the students responding to a reading achievement test and a Student Questionnaire. Data will be collected to show how well children read after four years of primary schooling.

New Reception Parent Meeting
On Wednesday this week we held a meeting for the parents of our Reception Class for 2016. This is always a wonderful opportunity to allow parents to come in and hear all the exciting things that we do here at St Mark’s and to learn what to expect when their children join our community. With our beautiful Magdalen Centre awaiting them, these new students will share and be a part of the new learning that is occurring here at Benedict every day. It is an exciting time to be a part of it all!

Gala Day
Today we celebrated ‘Mission Month’, with our much anticipated fundraising Gala Day event. The students and teachers worked and planned for weeks to organise fundraising events for everyone to take part in and enjoy. Thank you to all, especially the SRC, for your hard work and fun today. We will show some photos in the next edition of the newsletter.

School Visitors
During the last two weeks we have had some consultants from the Catholic Education Office come and speak with staff around different areas of our teaching and learning. At the end of Week 2 we had Andrea Richardson, our Behavioural Consultant, come to observe and assist staff with the management of students in different classroom and school activities. This week we have enjoyed a visit from our Early Childhood Consultant, Tina Adamo as well as our Special Education Consultant, Janette Miller. All these consultants come with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Their visits always trigger rich discussion and planning for the future students of St Mark’s College. We are lucky to have some enthusiastic consultants and hardworking teachers.☺

Kylie Smith,
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus
The Red ‘Resilience’ Key

The Resilience key is one that grows as you acknowledge and believe in yourself and your abilities. The more successful you feel, the more you will learn resilience with others and be happy. It is not always possible to be resilient with others, but it is important to understand that it is alright and not to let it worry you or get you down. Try doing something else with another or new friend and continue to have fun.

What does the Resilience Key look like?
- Staying Calm When you are Upset
When you are playing or working with others, it is important to remember to be fair and kind at all times. When something goes wrong with another, it is important to remember to use your Resilience Key and be patient, a good listener and give others a turn.
- Bouncing Back from Difficult Situations
Mistakes are a huge part of our lives and the way we learn and grow. If we didn’t make mistakes, we wouldn’t learn right from wrong. It is important for children and adults to learn that fighting and hurting others is not the right choice. Using your Resilience Key means that you will not hurt or upset someone when you are angry, but will think of the others feelings first and try to resolve the issue through discussion and with adult assistance.
- Remaining Positive in Hard Times
God made us all different and this is wonderful and very special. When we are using our Resilience Key, we are accepting of each other’s differences When we are tolerant of another, we remain positive and show kindness and care in all we do and say.

What happens if students do not use the Resilience Key?
When students do not use their resilience key, they do not feel successful. For example:

If a child is having difficulty doing their work and everyone around them is getting on with theirs, this can make them angry, hurt and upset. This will cause them to disrupt others around them, sometimes causing others to not finish what they are doing either.

What can this student do??
If this student decided to use their resilience key they could:
- Try not to worry about what everyone else is doing and do their best.
- Think to themselves, “I can do this!”
- Ask the teacher or closest adult to help them.

But most importantly - they would never give up and they would get help to find a solution to their problem!

So, here at Benedict Campus, we are encouraging our students to be ‘happy and successful’ by using their keys. They cannot do this alone. They need our help! As a family, we all need to work together to use the red ‘Resilience key each and every day. This key is one of the hardest for many of our children, so we really need to provide every opportunity to assist and engage them in believing in themselves and their abilities. That is the real key!!

How are you going to work towards being and assisting your children to be more successful and happy today?

Deputy Principal’s Award Winners - Term 3
Awarded for following Class and School rules

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Mae and Ava were delighted that Mae’s family came to see their classroom.

Photos
Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation SRC, M-Team, Choir, School Captains, Sports Captains photos are able to be viewed and ordered directly from the Academy website. The shoot number required is 59NPXF7U.
### Star Students

**Year 7 Red**  
Owen Fuchs  
Blair Farinola

**Year 7 Blue**  
Thomas Castle  
Hugh Jackson  
Mya Giancaspro

**Year 7 Green**  
Will Peterson  
Lauren Dix

**Year 6 Blue**  
Montana Coe  
Sarah DeGioia

**Year 6 Red**  
Patrick Cumming  
Ben Sciancalepore

**Year 6 Green**  
Aydin Jenkins  
Eve Clark

**Year 5 Red**  
Thomas Hunter  
Alyce Ferme

**Year 5 Blue**  
Charlie Webb  
Melia Thompson

**Year 4 Red**  
Madeleine Dix  
Sophie Lagoudis

**Year 4 Blue**  
Jessica Wilson  
Kamsi Onwuchekwa

**Year 4 Green**  
Scarlett Johns  
Tae Ngatamariki

**Year 3 Blue**  
Adam Smith  
Isabelle Stark  
Katie Wilson

**Year 3 Red**  
Jasper Cotton  
Zach Bath

**Year 2 Blue**  
Ava Pisani  
Jacob Kumar

**Year 2 Red**  
Adelle Mieglich  
Jake Anderson  
Alicia Farrugia

**Year 1 Blue**  
Charlie Watt  
Samuel Head

**Year 1 Green**  
Maelie Williams  
Kale Ganley

**Foundation Blue**  
Bryce Jones  
Eve Porta

**Foundation Green**  
Leana Nanapaneni  
Alyssa Paparella  
Hamish Caputo

**Foundation Red**  
Mina Muazam  
James McBride  
Molly Hudson

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### Educational International Competitions and Assessment

**Mathematics Results**

**Credit**  
Laura Watt  
Aaliyan Hashmi  
Isabella Martlew  
Trey Luteria

**Merit**  
Mitchell Court  
Connor Gorey  
Jordan Ganley

**Participation**  
Eva Christensena-Lauder  
Austin Dunbar  
Kachi Onwuchekwa  
Dylan Pike  
Abbas Shah  
Hayden Pike  
Marcus Meaney  
Kamsi Onwuchekwa  
Hayden Scarman  
Ella Dunbar  
Alyce Ferme  
Ryan Finlay  
Henri Philippis  
Grace Dunbar  
Bianca Hay  
Fergus Tod  
Scarlett Tod

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### Foundation Blue and Catholic Missions

In Foundation Blue we have been talking about Catholic Missions and how the money we raise in Mission Month will help those in need, particularly in Madagascar. We wrote a prayer for the people of Madagascar and created a ‘Prayer Weave’ of our personal prayers for those in need.

We used blue ribbon in our prayer weave because:

- It is Mary’s colour. **Henry**
- It is our school colour. **Zahra**
- Blue is like the water. **Zac**
- Prayers have light colours. **Eve**
- It is a water colour. **Bryce**
- We are Foundation Blue. **Charlie**

**Our Prayer**  
We pray for the poor. We pray for the people of Madagascar that they get clean water so they can be healthy and happy. We pray that we can help others.
A Queen Scout
Recently one of our Year 11 students Leah Ashe travelled down to Adelaide with her closest family and friends to attend a very important awards ceremony. Leah, was one of 19 young people across South Australia to be recognised and awarded the Queen’s Scout Award.

The Queen’s Scout Award has an outstanding status in both the Scouts and the community. This prestigious award took Leah two years of hard work and determination to complete. Along the way she participated in outdoor expeditions, got involved in the local community and developed leadership skills by volunteering to run Scout camps and support young people with disabilities. This Award was completed solely in Leah’s own time and has provided her with over 50 SACE credits that will go towards her studies. Leah described this achievement as ‘challenging, yet very rewarding experience’, one that she will remember for many years to come. When asked to share insights about her journey at the awards ceremony, Leah reflected on the many wonderful experiences that touched her heart. She spoke about the friendships made as well as her own personal growth and leadership development. It takes a strong, determined and committed young person to obtain this award and I congratulate Leah on this wonderful achievement.

TAFE Evening
On Monday last week families gathered in the BGC for a TAFE information Evening. The evening was organised by Simone Atkinson our VET and Careers coordinator and provided students and their families’ insights into different TAFE and Trade pathways. We were fortunate to have a variety of guest speakers from different organisations present and I thank Robin O’Dea, Regional Manager of TAFE and Mr David Hutchinson from Mid North Engineering Academy for giving up their time to speak with our families. Our partnership with these organisations is an important one and we continue to strengthen this relationship as we seek to provide opportunities and pathways for all students. We were also fortunate to hear from our very own Farm Manager Joel Head, who shared insights into the Rural Operations course run through the College. The evening provided opportunities for students and families to ask specific questions about the different courses and speak one on one with the different organisations. Questions were asked, clarification was sought, parents and students left informed and excited by the possibilities.

The opportunities students have access to through TAFE is truly astounding. Our presenters spoke about courses in Electro Technology, Carpentry, Engineering, hairdressing, Rural Operations and much more. By undertaking VET courses in conjunction with their studies students are able to gain valuable experience that can lead to school based apprenticeships as well as SACE points that will contribute towards their SACE Certificate.

I thank our families who attended the evening and encourage anyone who is still contemplating VET or TAFE options to make contact with the College.

PAT Testing
Recently our Year 8, 9 and 10 students sat the progressive achievement tests in both literacy (reading comprehension) and numeracy. The data collected from the PAT tests will provide teachers with diagnostic information about your child’s learning. It will enable teachers to track individual student progress and most importantly ensure that all students are moving forward.

Over the coming weeks staff will unpack the data, in particular, year level trends and alter their programming so that areas requiring improvement are being targeted. Further to this, the data collected will also be used during our end of year handover process, ensuring that your child’s 2016 teachers are well informed about their literacy and numeracy skills. Whilst the information collected will primarily be used
for teaching staff in their programming and planning individual student information is also available for parents. If you would like a copy of this overview please contact the Bosco Admin Office.

Year 12 Exams Commence

English Studies students gathered anxiously on the Polding Lawns on Monday morning, ready for the first Exam. It was the moment they have been preparing for all year. Whilst they were a little nervous, they were prepared and most importantly, they came out smiling.

Over the coming weeks Year 12’s will complete the final stage in their learning journey, the external examinations. This time of year is both exciting and nerve racking for many of our Year 12’s. I know that they have worked hard all year. They have revised, they have worked closely with their teachers and they are ready.

I take this opportunity to remind students and families of the following Exam protocol:

- Students are to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their Exam start time.
- Exams will be held in P1 and P2.
- Pencil cases and calculator cases should not be brought into the Exam room. Please place necessary stationary into a clear zip lock bag.
- Students must attend all examinations
- Students are to be in Summer uniform when on Campus.
- Mobile phones, iPods, etc are to be turned off and placed on the front supervisors’ desk until the exam is over.

I wish the class of 2015 all the best as they embark on their final examinations.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

Doodle4Google Competition

Every two years, Google holds the Doodle4Google competition, where students from around Australia are asked to design a Google logo based on a specific theme. This year’s theme was ‘If I could travel back in time I would…’ and as part of the Year 9 and 10 Design curriculum, students created and submitted their own designs.

Year 9 students Mia Pansini and Eden Smith, and Year 10 students Bodie Moyses, Benjamin Rohde and Eloise Stodulka were all selected as state finalists in the Year 9-10 category (five out the ten finalists in this category), with each student receiving a personal letter from Google and a postcard with their design on it.

Year 10 student Eloise Stodulka

Year 9 student Eden Smith

Year 10 student Benjamin Rohde

Year 10 student Brodie Moyses

Congratulations Mia, Eden, Bodie, Benjamin and Eloise!
Rohan Cheong
Design Teacher

Zoo Trip

On Thursday November 29 the three Stage 1 Biology classes travelled to the Adelaide Zoo. Students were required to study the individual and social behaviours displayed by a chosen animal across the day, in addition to studying the adaptations and behaviour of a range of other animals at the zoo. The results of the studies will be used to complete an assignment on Animal Behaviour back at school. Adelaide’s adopted pandas Wang Wang and Funi were a highlight for most students and the primates put on a spectacular show for us. We were lucky to have a warm sunny day with all of the animals being active and vocal across the day.

Jane Bennett, Greg Phillips and Tamara Kelly
Stage 1 Biology Teachers

Year 12 students enjoying breakfast in a lovely summer setting on the College oval

Maggie Peterson with her new friends
The Year 9 Rite Journey Adventure Camp

The Year 9 camp was held at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. On the first day we arrived expecting rain and storms. This did not eventuate, and we were able to immerse ourselves in the obstacles of Challenge Hill, Orienteering and extreme bike riding. Mr Ryan provided the evening entertainment as the Quiz Master for our quiz night.

On the second day, we once again dodged any predictions of rain and overcame our fear of heights by climbing the 15 metre high rock wall. We also had an opportunity to bring to life ‘Call of Duty’ by playing laser tag in the thick vegetation and creek beds of Mount Lofty. The 360 metre long flying fox provided thrills and dares with some students swinging upside down and others hanging on for dear life.

During the morning of our final day, we were able to stretch out our tired legs with a walk on the Heysen Trail. We were surprised at the thick and lush surroundings and even managed to find a few stray golf balls.

The food and accommodation were excellent. The camp was extremely great fun as there was a large diversity of activities and this has led to lifelong memories and friendships. As Rite Journey students we responded to the themes of the camp by constantly ‘challenging’ ourselves and displaying ‘respect’. We would like to thank Mr Sheridan for organising the camp and other teachers for their encouragement and participation.

Compiled by Year 9 Rite Journey Students
Sports News

SMC Tennis
Well done on a great start to the 2015/16 season to all our SMC Tennis Teams! Our SMC club has 26 teams competing this year in a 42-team competition.
Thanks to all our coaches for their time and commitment in helping our players.
Don’t forget to please advise your coach if you are unavailable for training or for matches.
Hot shots commenced last Saturday for beginners and seems to have lots of eager youngsters!

Rosters
Please can parents/ caregivers check the Team rosters which were sent home and make sure they arrange a swap if they are unable to meet their commitments to parent duty, as everyone must take a turn to help.
If you have nominated to help in the canteen, and have received a roster, please check when you are scheduled to assist. A copy of the roster has been placed in the Canteen at the Tennis Centre if you are unsure of timeslots.

SAPSASA Interschool Sports Day
The Port Pirie District Primary Schools competed in the annual SAPSASA Inter-School Sports Day featuring sprints, long distance events and team games on Thursday 29 October.
The Sports Day was held at St Mark’s Bosco Oval and included students from Years 4-7. The day was officially opened by Lucy Wood.
This year the format of competition included two divisions: The Flinders View Division and the Pirie Division. Our school nominated two squads, the Samaritans and the Salesians.
St Mark’s students represented our school with great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. Both teams were very even but in a close finish the Salesians were successful in winning the Harry Welch Championship Shield in addition to the Mark Bickley Team Game Shield. The Samaritans were successful in winning the Bill Buchanan Incentive Shield.

Country Carnival Nomination Form
A reminder that the Country Carnival forms have been distributed to A-D Grade players. This will be held in January from 9-12 at Memorial Drive in Adelaide. Only players who have returned their form by Saturday, 14 November will be eligible for selection. If you have any queries or need another form please see Dennis Buchanan at tennis!

Inter-Association Tennis Match v Barossa, Light and Gawler Tennis Association
This annual inter-association match will be played on Sunday, 22 November, 2015. The team will comprise 16 and Under, 14 and Under, 12 and Under and 10 and under age groups for boys and girls. Players were notified of selection last week via a note.
Players need to notify Dennis Buchanan of their availability asap.

SMC Tennis Committee, Jane Dickeson, Francine Combe, Carmel Freer and Andrew Gebert

Special thanks to the following volunteers: Carmel Freer, Amanda Akker, Teresa Dunbar, Michelle Wulf, Lisa Manners, Jarred Dix and Damian Freer who helped officiate throughout the day. Thanks also to Neville Thompson, St. John’s First Aid and the St Mark’s Maintenance Team for their support throughout the day. A special thankyou to Bernie Kelly, Des McKeough, Karen Murphy, Tom Arbon and Matthew Mead for all their assistance and support for the day.

Final Results
Harry Welch Championship Shield
1st St. Mark’s Salesians 237
2nd Risdon Park PS 222
3rd St Mark’s Samaritans 191

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2nd St Mark’s Samaritans 102
3rd Risdon Park PS 98

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2nd St Mark’s Salesians 107
3rd St Mark’s Samaritans 89

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2nd St Mark’s Salesians 237
3rd Risdon Park PS 232

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E Grade Boys - Marc, Hayden, Charlie and Cooper

Deakin is a picture of concentration as he throws the ball to his team mate

Stephanie, Sanjeev and Kate are poised ready to begin their race

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