The Bosco athletes strive and committed Benedict Leaders receive a badge. The Year 12 Centre opens. Our Parents attend in big numbers for the ‘Sacramental Information Night’. And then a new P&F Committee steps up.

The Bosco Sports Day
The Bosco Sports Day is a great moment of tribalism and fun, serious athletic pursuit, a community sharing and an opportunity for being together in a different way. The great House tribes gather in war paint and costume. Hair colour changes, banners declare, coloured bunting flutters and the Year 12s wear a special Polo Shirt with names and a haughty statement that slightly prods at opposition pride. The day is about House effort and participation and the courage of a large number who thrill us by trying their best. The day begins very early with staff setting up the detailed infrastructure. It doesn’t run so smoothly by accident. Things are in place to ensure efficiency, safety and a chance for students to do their best. Lists have been compiled and rakes are ready. The javelins and stops watches, flags, starting guns are all in place. Tents and ice water and 30+ cream are in readiness for the heat that is rolling in. The generous staff tap in the pegs of the shelters and put the high jump mattress into place. Jess Oxford surveys, gently organising. And then students arrive. Painted, laughing, spraying hair colour, applying tints and dyes and chatting, getting organised, ready for this special day of carnival and struggle. We love being together. People want to try and I gathered with Sports Captains Merina Caputo and Jacob Evans to begin the official opening. A prayer is offered, best wishes are expressed by the students and then it is my turn to speak. I have prepared a speech that will be rousing, Churchillian really, and I set about inspiring excellence in my best Shakespearean tones. 'Good morning' and Merina takes away the podium. ‘Merina, I haven’t finished…Try your best everyone’. Merina ignores me, walks away and suddenly R+B grungy pop rock music throbs defiantly. ‘Sit down!’ On plays the music, out march the girls and the audience is unsettled, confused. Our Year 12s have begun a flash mob performance that is disciplined, thoroughly prepared and a delight. Brittany Possingham and her team of girls had decided that they would put a little of their special Year 12 spirit into the day and I delight at the interruption. (Actually there is a possibility that my whole audience delight in me being interrupted). The girls danced and a tone was set. Discipline, fun, involvement and unity. Then it all began. From nervous starts with Mr Murphy on the gun, until the tape was broken and the race was won. From laughter at a stumbling triple jump or cheers as a high jump bar wobbled, there is endeavour. They lined up in big numbers just to get a point. Long jump after long jump, Amazon javelin throwing after shot put putting. It was a feature of the day. They came looking for a point. The commitment was good but the racing was stirring. There was the climbing temperature which students ignored. There were hundreds who tried so hard and it became a day of inspiration. Two records were broken – Hannah and Mikala – ‘the best ever’ I thought. The relay baton was passed, people cheered in support, blokes tried and the girls strived. Staff and parents and volunteers made it all happen. Athletes rose to excellence and it was done with great organisation and fun and achievement. Jess Oxford, as coordinator, was outstanding in administration until the dubious race winning performance of the staff against the students. Sporting ethics took a slight tumble there - and in front of the Bishop but the staff won. The Bishop was there to present the trophy and we are grateful. Gallagher House have now immortalised themselves like Hawthorn or Makybe Diva – they have the silverware three times in a row. The victory is won, the day worth cheering about.
A Sacrament at Night

Last week the Benedict parents arrived in big numbers for the Sacrament Information Meeting. The Bishop Gallagher Centre was full. There were Year 3, 4 and 7 parents meeting with Assistant Principal and Religious Learning Leader Katie Pole and Father Francis and the class teachers. This was part of the process of making connection. Our community was sharing in the first steps of the journey of children who are to receive a sacrament. I was heartened and surprised by the big numbers. They had come. Parents joined us in a unique gathering, a sacramental gathering, a faithful time in preparation for Church partnership. It was all about the children and their continuing relationship with God. We gathered in the greatest of formations with family, our parish and the school. Strong together. Trusting each other with the mystery of a journey of faith, working together to support the discovery of an 8 year old and a mysterious ritual of reconciliation; a 9 year old and the consecrated blessing of Eucharist; and helping to develop the emerging 12 year old spirituality building and confirming. All of our parents were getting prepared for the formality of church connection. I congratulate the families and the children. We are enriched by this beginning moment and by the sacrament – a sign of God’s loving presence. All of our parents are an expression of that sign as they became the sacrament that night.

Benedict Leadership

It was an honour to present the Benedict Student leaders with badges last week. Parents came and an assembly was held. There was a procession and wonderfully encouraging words from Fr Francis. There was a prayer service and a ceremony of commitment. The students were announced and they shook hands humbly, made a promise with much purpose and deserved the applause of the community. They came with a real sense of leadership and generosity. They knew that they were going to be servant leaders but also the Benedict community needs student voice and student action. They need student creativity and generous participation. Our Benedict Team will be all of that. I was very proud to present the new leaders to the whole of the Primary School.

Parents and Friends AGM

I congratulate Jo Court and her team working for the final time as the 2015 Parents and Friends group. Their committee year has concluded and they presented an annual report which was comprehensive and detailed. We seem to have so much parental activity and I feel very grateful. They achieved so much. Congratulations to Daniel Lauder who has taken over in the role as president and thanks to a team of women who will support him. The Parents and Friends remain a significant dimension of school life and the retiring committee deserve our heartiest thanks.

Greg Hay,
Principal
**Religious Education**

**M Team**
The M-Team is up and running again for 2016 at Benedict Campus. M-Team stands for Mary Team. This group looks for ways to be of service and out-reach to others in the Benedict community. I would like to thank Pia Keain, Matthew Mead, Karen Murphy and Tom Arbon for taking on the role of Teacher support for this group's work during the year. Any student who still wishes to join in with this group can see one of the teachers involved.

**YCS**
Our YCS (Young Christian Students) group has also reconvened for the 2016 year. I thank Isaac Ellis and Melissa Gadaleta for their work in supporting these students in their actions to work for Social Justice using the See, Judge, Act approach to responding to situations in our life. Meetings are advertised in the Daily Notices and all students are invited to attend.

**Sacramental Meeting**
An initial meeting was held on Wednesday March 2 for those children who will be celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2016. It was very heartening to see the attendance and support from families at that meeting. This meeting outlined the program for each sacrament this year and gave some formation to families in order to support their children's faith formation.

Sacramental preparation is a very privileged and exciting part of our vocation as teachers at St Mark's College and we look forward to working with these children at different points during the year. If you were unable to be present at the meeting last week and are looking to have your child undertake one of the sacraments this year please get in contact with me or another member of the parish team. We will make a time to go through all the necessary information with you. I can be contacted on 8633 8866 or kpole@stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au

**Rite Journey Launch**
It was wonderful to be present on the oval and welcome back to campus our Year 9 students from their Rite Journey launch. On that morning the students went down to the Solomontown Beach for a “Calling Ceremony”. This was to become one as a group on a journey of letting go of their childhood and embracing all that their journey towards adulthood holds. The group walked back from their “Calling” through Benedict Campus to the Bosco oval for morning tea, this was another symbol in this ritual that they were letting go of being young children.

I had a real sense as we welcomed them back that these groups had already formed a great bond ready to take the Rite Journey together.

**Project Compassion**
It has been wonderful to see classes across both campuses undertaking initiatives in our support of the Caritas Project Compassion Campaign. I congratulate those who have organised cake stalls, busking and other exciting initiatives to contribute to our fundraising efforts. **Bosco Campus are holding an Orange Casual Day on 21 March for Harmony Day**. The Gold coin donation students will bring for the privilege of wearing casual clothes will be added to our Project Compassion campaign.

Katie Pole,
Assistant Principal for Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)

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**If you are thinking of sending your child to St Mark’s College in 2017 please note that enrolments for Reception to Year 12 students close on Friday 8 April 2016**

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**Easter Raffle**
The Bosco Campus Easter Raffle is back! We are seeking donations of Easter eggs and chocolates (preferably fair trade) for our 2016 Easter raffle. All donations will be made into baskets to be raffled off in Week 9, with all proceeds going to Project Compassion. Each donation will also receive points towards the 2016 House Cup. Please hand your donation to the Bosco office. Raffle tickets have been distributed with extra tickets available from Bosco Office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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**Busking at Benedict**
Last week Benedict students were entertained during their lunch break with some great acoustic music. The Year 11 Music students performed “Busking” style in two separate groups in the school yard. Senior Music students had prepared pieces during class over the last few weeks and despite a 5 cent limit on donations the students raised almost $50 for Project Compassion.

Mardi Nolan, Year 11 Music Teacher

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**Year 11 Music students entertained Benedict students by busking around the campus. They raised money for Project Compassion by collecting 5 cent donations.**
From the Deputy Principal

Lenten Liturgies
Since the beginning of the Lenten Season we have been holding a Lenten Liturgy each Monday morning to join together as a community in prayer. During this liturgy, students learn about the Caritas ‘Project Compassion’ story for the week. Teaching staff then continue in class with a more in depth look at these stories with special activities for the students to watch and do. Our last Lenten Liturgy is next Monday at 9 am. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Play
This year Holy Week falls in the middle of the term. Our Easter Play is again being performed by our Year 6 cohort on Holy Thursday 24 March. There will be two performance times for families to come and watch. The first is at 9:30 am and the second is 11:40 am. The students have been busily practicing with Mrs Murphy and Mr Swensson to ensure it is ready for students and families to watch and enjoy. Please note the date and make it if you can. It is a great way to start the Easter journey together.

Clean Up Schools Day
Last Friday the Benedict community took part in the National ‘Clean-Up Schools Day’. Younger classes took to the playground area to ensure that all rubbish was collected and put into bags. Our Year 5/6/7’s took to McNally Farm, Drage Street and along the school outside fence along the Highway to collect rubbish. All rubbish was then placed at the front of the school grounds for the Council to collect and take away. Well done to all staff and students on a fine effort in cleaning up our beautiful environment.

Reception Rest Days
This year we bought in a new initiative of giving our Reception students the first four Wednesday’s as ‘rest days’. The start of school can be an emotionally overwhelming time for both the students and their families. Having a rest in the middle of the week allows for families to have a break and help the students ‘rest’. This then assists them to not only get to the end of the week but to ensure learning is taking place on a consistent basis. The response to this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive and we thank the new families for their support.

International Women’s Day
On Tuesday we celebrated as a staff ‘International Women’s Day’. All our ladies received a special gift of appreciation for their contribution to our school and the gifts and talents that they all bring to our community. We also enjoyed a special Morning Tea together.

Parent/Teacher Interviews ONLINE Bookings
The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 10 will be our Semester One Parent/Teacher Interviews. This semester we will be going to a new format of booking interviews called ‘Parent Teacher Online’ (PTO). This system was used for the first time at Bosco last year and proved to be very successful. Parents will be required to make their bookings for interviews online. Bookings to class teachers are automatically added to the available time slot chosen by the parent. Please look out for the information regarding this new system in the coming weeks.

Car Park Reminder
- Cars must go ALL THE WAY AROUND to the end of the Drop Off Zone to not only Pick Up their children, but to Drop Off as well. Congestions occurs very quickly.
- ALL pedestrians must wait for cars to go through the crossing. There is clear signage at every walkway to remind you. If a driver signals you to cross, please wave them through. Congestions occurs very quickly.
- Picking up students is only at the Pick-Up Zone OR on foot at the GSH/Gate/Classroom. Students are not to go into the car park area without an adult. Please use the walkways for safety reasons.

Announcement
A HUGE and exciting ‘Congratulations’ to Sarah and Brodie Freer, one of our staff members, who are celebrating the birth of their first child this week. A beautiful baby boy named Cheston Leigh, weighing 7lb 2 oz. We hope and trust all is going well and you are enjoying this special time as a new little family.

Condolences
Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen and Des McKeough on the passing of Helen’s mother this week. We hope that the days ahead a filled with memories and being surrounded by your loved ones. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Well Done and Thank You
- Congratulations to our School Captains, House Leaders and SRC’s on their induction into their new roles at last week’s Leadership Liturgy and Presentation. It was a very proud moment for yourselves and your families and you conducted yourselves with great dignity. Well done.
- Thank you to our Year 11 Buskers who came last week to play their instruments and sing to the Benedict students during lunch time. There were many ‘groupies’ surrounding and following the different groups of Buskers. We just loved it and hope that you will come again soon!

Kylie Smith,
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus

Well done to all the staff and students at Benedict who took part in Clean Up Schools Day.
From the Junior Primary Coordinator

With our transition ‘Rest Day’ Wednesdays complete our 2016 Receptions have settled into the daily routine of school life. While the children took some time to rest and refresh on their first four Wednesdays, the Reception teaching team has been hard at work preparing for a year of engaging learning experiences linked to the Australian Curriculum. On 24 February the teachers travelled to Adelaide to visit some inspiring learning spaces at St Francis Xavier Wynn Vale and St Francis of Assisi Newton. The team met with educators at both schools to discuss Early Years education and to share ideas and pedagogies about learning. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and provided teachers from both sides with new ideas and inspiration for their own learning environments.

Jenna Howell, Junior Primary Coordinator

2016 Benedict SRC

Reception Red
Cody Hawkins and Sloan Chivell

Reception Blue
Jett Dunstall and Elise Yarrow

Reception Green
Lewis Camporeale and Caprie Sheasby

Year 1 Red
Eve Porta and Angus Hall

Year 1 Blue
Charlie Waters and Demi Smith

Year 2 Green
Cleo Farrugia and Bailey Luteria

Year 2 Red
Matilda Doyle and Jay Conradi

Year 2 Blue
Aspen Gebert and Olivia Possingham

Year 3 Red
Mae Caspers and Jack DeGioia

Year 3 Blue
Cohen Amato and Caitlin Caputo

Year 3 Green
Cooper Ferme and Violet Jackson

Year 4 Red
Lara Mellow and Drae McLaughlin

Year 4 Blue
Nikaya Sims and Brodie Fowler

Year 5 Green
Bella Porta and Khaelen Head

Year 5 Red
Tom McNamara and Claire Coffey

Year 5 Blue
Ayeisha Everett and Blake Hanlon

Year 6 Red
Sanjeev Santhosh and Eliza Mezzino

Year 6 Blue
Henri Phillips and Chloe Davidson

Year 7 Red
Austin Gilmour and Ellie Waters

Year 7 Blue
Quinn Lane and Charlie Ward

Year 7 Green
Lia Albanese and Joseph McNamara

Star Students

Year 7 Green
Peyton Peter Joseph McNamara

Year 7 Red
Samuel Cummins Tiah Peek

Year 7 Blue
Quinn Lane Ben Sciancalepore

Year 6 Red
Rosie Todd Imogen Good

Year 6 Blue
Chloe Davidson Ella Dunbar

Year 5 Green
Bella Porta Mitchell Cretan

Year 5 Red
Harper Bridley Thomas McNamara

Year 5 Blue
Ayeisha Everett Blake Hanlon

Year 4 Red
Rylan Akker Lara Mellow

Year 4 Blue
Ava Amato Abbas Shah

Year 3 Green
Marco Dimou Kachi Onwuchekwa

Year 3 Red
Laycee Meaney Kobi Ganley

Year 3 Blue
Cohen Amato Caitlin Caputo

Year 2 Green
Whitney Johns Mason Hocking

Year 2 Red
Michael McGinnis Liam Saler

Year 2 Blue
Adeena Hashmi Declan Dunbar

Year 1 Red
Danny Gianoni Joel Gebert

Year 1 Blue
Charlie Waters Demi Smith

Year 1 Green
Cooper Ferme Joel Gebert

Discovery Time in the Magdalen Centre
From the Deputy Principal

The Calling
On Monday last week our Year 9’s gathered for the Rite Journey Calling ceremony. They ventured offsite to Solomontown Beach where the ritual began. The morning was filled with deep reflection as they left elements of their childhood behind. The rite of passage concluded with a procession back into school grounds. Students walked across the Bosco Oval with a different energy. There was a sense of purpose now, as they marched to the beat of drums. It was a powerful experience as we welcomed their return, banners in hand, they were ready for the journey ahead.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day will be celebrated on Monday 21 March. All students and teachers are asked to wear orange on this day and bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion. A team challenge has been set to get the Bosco community to form the word Harmony on the oval. We will take a birds eye photo so orange clothing is a must. Local shops have been forewarned and orange clothing will be plentiful.

Student Leadership
On Friday we commissioned our student leadership group for 2016. We gathered as a Bosco community with all of our leaders sitting proudly out the font. St Mark’s College values student leadership and seeks to develop leadership skills through service to the school community and wider community outreach. Those Year 8-12 students who have been successful in their application to serve their House and School in the spirit of their House patron and St John Bosco are listed on the next page.

Our formal leadership program provides students the opportunity to work across year levels, become actively involved in meeting procedure, fundraising activities, student issues and the College environment. Shortly, our leaders will spend a day together exploring what it means to be a leader in our community. They will work closely with House Leaders as they unpack servant leadership and set goals for the year ahead.

Sports Day
The Bosco oval was a hive of energy on Friday as we gathered for our annual Athletics Carnival. The PE faculty were there bright (or dark as it turns out) and early to ensure stations were ready. The House Leaders and Captains were around too, there was much setting up to do in the House areas. It was wonderful to see House spirit come alive with our Year 12 students dressing up particularly well for the occasion. The day kicked off with a bang as the Year 12 girls interrupted Mr Hay’s speech with a flash mob dance. It was a fun, well choreographed piece, the girls did an outstanding job. A wonderful way to begin Sports Day. The initiative was instigated and led by Britney Possingham and I would like to thank her for her leadership and drive. To organise a dance of this magnitude requires patience and a great deal of energy. The day, whilst a little on the warm side was just wonderful. Student attendance and participation was high. People tried their best and competed with a sense of House spirit. There was a great display of athleticism and sportsmanship. I congratulate our House Leaders and their Captains on their leadership, there is something to be said about some healthy competition. I also thank our Sports Coordinator Jesslyn Oxford for her leadership in organising this spectacular event. To the parents that came in House colours to support, to those that volunteered their time so generously I say thank you. It truly was an outstanding day.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
On Wednesday 23 March, Year 12 parents are invited to attend a special round of Parent Teacher Interviews. This will be an important opportunity for you to meet your child’s teachers and ask questions about their progress and learning. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend, even if not recommended by the teacher. The interviews will be held in the new Year 12 space, the Bosco Centre from 4pm to 6.30pm. Interview times will be made online through Parent Teacher Online (PTO). An individual letter outlining your log in and password details as well as how to make bookings will be emailed to parents next week.

A learning environment that will inspire excellence
Last week was the opening of our new Year 12 precinct, the Bosco Centre. Students gathered on the deck, lemonade in hand as we toasted the new space. College Captains Eve and Patrick spoke with excitement as they cut the ribbon and declared the Centre open. Students flooded the space, there were oohs and ahhhs, even some sneaky high fives. It was clear that they were happy. The building was created to bring to life our vision for a new 21st century learning environment, designed specifically to suit the needs of Year 12 students. It began with a vision and a philosophy about the type of learners we are hoping to form. In an interconnected, technology-driven world learning environments have evolved and we wanted to create a space that was collaborative, flexible and inspiring. Our aim was to promote interaction between students and build that sense of community through formal and informal learning opportunities. Each different space has been designed with purpose and built on a philosophy of how students learn best. We are confident the space created will support the unique learning needs of all students and enhance our culture of excellence.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

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Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 14 March

Bosco Catch Up Monday
Tuesday 15 March

Diocesan Assembly
Tuesday 15 March

Diocesan Assembly
Thursday 17 March

Bosco Catch Up Monday
Tuesday 15 March

College AGM
Wednesday 16 March at 7pm in BGC at Bosco Campus

Year 8 Immunisations
Thursday 17 March

St Patrick’s Day
Thursday 17 March

Year 12 Kayaking
Sunday 20 March to Tuesday 22 March

Harmony Day
Monday 21 March

Year 12 - Bosco Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 23 March
Attention Parents of Year 10 students

This week, your child will be given two documents; one is the "Guide for Workplace Learning For Students" and the other is the same "For Parents". Please read the guides carefully in preparation for Work Experience in Week 10 of Term 2. Your child will organise a work placement for one week in a field of interest to them. They are welcome to do this in Port Pirie or elsewhere if suitable. Last year we had students working at TAFE, The Recorder, various primary schools, Priceline, Flinders Motorcycles, Sports stores, gyms, hair and beauty salons, The Nyrstar Smelter, Port Pirie Regional Health and many other locations.

It is vital for your child to get organised early to secure their placement. A letter and Workplace Learning Agreement forms will be coming home with your child this week as well. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Simone Atkinson,
Student Pathways Co-ordinator
Phone 86 33-8837 or Email satkinson@stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au

Rite Journey

In lessons two and three on Monday 29 February, the entire Year 9 cohort and Rite Journey teachers assembled on the lawns of Solomontown Beach for the calling ceremony of the Rite Journey Program. Despite the early morning 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. At the calling, students are challenged, in the presence of their peers and staff, to make the first symbolic steps in the program that acknowledges the transition from childhood to young adulthood. They gathered behind their banners, acknowledged with gratitude those who care for them and “threw away” unwanted aspects of their childhood. Students and staff then returned to Benedict Campus and progressed to the beat of drums and behind their banners, across the ovals to be greeted by Mr Hay and Miss Kilpatrick. Staff and students shared fruit and cake for recess to end a significant step in the Rite Journey program.

My thanks to the Rite Journey team: Jane Gibson, Jess Oxford and Matt Ryan and the College Executive, for their ongoing and enthusiastic commitment to the program.
Our very excited Year 12 students with Deputy Principal Kate Kilpatrick, Year 12 Co-ordinator John Gibson and Principal Greg Hay celebrate the completion of the new Bosco Centre.

**Opening of the Year 12 Centre**

The Year 12s gathered on the decking of the Bosco Centre last Monday morning. There was an expectancy, almost an exhilaration about the moment. There was the freshness of Monday but this day, with the newness of the building, there was a serious excitement. The much anticipated Year 12 Centre was to be opened. It was to be occupied at last. The outdoor decking smell of freshly applied oil based decking stain and the instant lawn was just losing its greenness with the heat after a couple of days. The yellow Bosco Centre sign shone in the morning light and teachers were gathering, chatting, a red ribbon was ready to be cut and cameras were loaded.

Each Year 12 was given a fluted glass of blue lemonade and with speeches short, the photo moment brief, we toasted the building and launched a significantly new direction in the manner in which we understand Year 12 learning and Year 12 community. With a little fanfare and much excitement the students were invited into the Bosco Centre. They walked into a huge space with its unique furnishings and colour and there was glass and dazzle. This was to be their Learning Centre. This was to be their innovative, flexible and creative senior space. Most importantly it was to be their special Year 12 home. They saw quickly that with a simple glance they could look up from their work and see a hundred other people engaged. There are no individual desks anymore. There are huge tables which powerfully show that students learn from each other. There is no teacher desk anymore, no symbol of absolute authority, just some tutorial tables for group discussion which significantly asserts that the teacher is but one facilitator. There is a meeting room, powerful interactive capability and quiet corners and relaxing spaces. The classrooms have three styles of seating at different heights. There is choice and accommodation for diversity. It is all about engagement and communication, high order thinking and connectedness. There was a distinct contrast to traditional classrooms and the association is now with the kind of experience found at University or TAFE.

The space will make them different. The learning becomes exciting, self-regulating, collaborative. This will inspire and give them a sense that they are special and part of the wonderful privilege of scholarship. Here’s cheers!

*Greg Hay,*
Principal
With great delight School Captains Patrick and Eve cut the ribbon to open Bosco Centre.

Our Year 12 students entered through the doors of the new Bosco Centre for the very first time and were thrilled to see their beautiful new surroundings.

The Bosco Centre has a lovely new kitchen and lounge area for the students and staff to use.

Year 12 students are thoroughly enjoying their new space and all it has to offer.
The Bosco Sports Day got off to an exciting start with a surprise ‘Flash Mob’ popping up during the Opening Ceremony to entertain and energise the crowd.

It was fantastic to see students participating and having fun at the Bosco Sports Day.

Last Friday 4 March, 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 the day began with an impressive Flash Mob organised by a group of Year 12 girls. The scores were close throughout the day, but Gallagher cemented their place at the top with their third win in a row, the 3-peat, finishing ahead of an impressive McNally outfit, with Bosco and Polding close on their tail.

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 thankyou’s go to all the volunteers who helped on Sports Day. 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, Damien Freer, Cherie Peterson, Carmel Freer, Alan Zubrinich and Georgia-Rose Scarman.

Congratulations to Miss Creek, Sam, Ashleigh and all of Gallagher House on your great victory, and also to all individual age group champions. Bosco House are also to be congratulated for taking out the Fr Ray Cau Memorial Handicap Shield. 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 1 April in Port Lincoln.

Jesslyn Oxford, Bosco Sports Coordinator
Congratulations to our Bosco Sports Day Champions. (L-R) Jacob, Merina, Lochlin, Eden, Jake, Hannah, Jai and Ardia.

Gallagher House Captains Ashleigh and Sam proudly accept the Frank Lauritsen Overall Memorial Shield from Bishop Greg O’Kelly as winners of the 2016 Bosco Sports Day.

Bosco House Captains Hannah and Joshua accepting the Fr Ray Cau Memorial Handicap Shield from Bishop Greg O’Kelly.

Our Year 12 students proudly represented their House with colour, costumes, effort and participation.

Congratulations to our Combined Age Group Aggregate Shield Winners.

Congratulations to our record breakers Hannah and Mikala.

Interhouse Sports Day Results

Individual Champions:
U14 Girls - Ardia Mead (M)
U14 Boys - Jai Thornton (B)
U15 Girls - Hannah Bentley (G)
U15 Boys - Jake Noble (M)
U16 Girls - Eden Smith (B)
U16 Boys - Lochlin Colyer (G)
Open Girls - Merina Caputo (P)
Open Boys - Jacob Evans (G)

Combined Age Group Aggregate Shields:
U14 - Gallagher – 545pts
U15 - Gallagher – 498pts
U16 - Bosco – 490pts
Open - Gallagher – 558pts

Records:
Hannah Bentley – Gallagher - U15 Girls
High Jump – 1.52m
Mikala Colyer – Gallagher – U14 Girls
800m – 2.43

Fr Ray Cau Handicap Shield:
1st – Bosco – 2042 pts
2nd – Gallagher – 1999 pts
3rd – McNally – 1806 pts
4th – Polding – 1665 pts

Frank Lauritsen Overall Memorial Shield:
1st – Gallagher – 1993 pts
2nd – McNally – 1806 pts
3rd – Bosco – 1779 pts
4th – Polding – 1471 pts
SMC Tennis

Congratulations to the nine teams who contested first and second Semi Finals last Saturday. One team moved straight through to the Grand Final (A/B Girls Kelly). Next week we have four teams playing in the Preliminary Finals. C/D Boys Cornell vs O’Mara play off against each other for a spot in the Grand Final, A/B Girls Brennan and C/D Grade Girls Bode.

Congratulations to E Girls Foster who won the Shield for 2015/2016 Season after finishing top. Team consisted of Katie Doyle, Ruby Dunbar, Jessica Evely and Dakota Kendall. Coach was Danny/Sue Doyle. Runner up in the grade was E Girls Giovanni. Runner up also in E Grade Boys was Murray coached by Natalie Ferme.

A reminder that Preliminary Finals are played on Wednesday 16 March at 4.30pm.

Grand Final is on Saturday 19 March at 8.30am.

Coaches please return all balls, folders and questionnaires asap to Front Office at either Campus or Karen Murphy.

SMC Tennis Committee

Parents and Friends

Up and coming events

Parents and Friends Regular Meeting - Monday 21 March at 7pm.
All most welcome, it is a really good way of finding out what’s happening at our school.

Internet and Social Media Cyber Bullying and Sexting Workshop for Parents and Guardians - Monday 11 April at 7pm in the Bosco Gallagher Centre

Parents and Friends Movie Night –Thursday 14 April at 7pm in the Good Samaritan Hall at Benedict Campus.

Your New Parents and Friends

It is with great pleasure I announce to you our new President of Parents and Friends, Daniel Lauder. Thankyou Daniel for taking on this role, you will do us all very proud! Thanks also goes to Ezra Spolding for taking on Secretary and Megan O’Shaughnessy as Treasurer. I will continue to support Daniel as Vice President.

A Big Thank you to Our Outgoing Committee

Thank you to our outgoing Vice President Jade Markham, Secretary Tracy Dear, and Treasurer Fiona Perry for all your hard work and effort over your terms.

What’s on our Agenda

Movie Night
Please save the date for this fantastic night. Posters and Flyer will go out over the next week. Students are welcome to come in Onesies and bring their pillow pets, bean bags and rugs. So add it to the calendar, it’s a night the kids won’t want to miss!

Internet and Social Media Safety Workshop for Parents and Guardians
The date has now been set 11 April at 7pm. This is a workshop you do not want to miss. It will by an eye opener and provide you with the tools you need to keep your children safe on a virtual world many of us don’t quite understand too well.

I hope you have enjoyed these updates, and again I wish the new Elected Committee all the very best.

Kind Regards,

Jo Court,
Parents and Friends Committee
We continue our journey through Lent with 2 more stories from Project Compassion. This year the theme for Project Compassion is Learning More. Creating Change. In each of the six weeks of Lent, all students will be sharing a weekly story that reflect this year’s theme. These inspiring stories will tell how the lives of six people have changed through our schools’ support of Caritas Australia’s development programs.

**Week Three: Dominic’s story**
This week’s story is about Dominic who is from Papua New Guinea. Dominic participated in a Caritas funded project that trains people to run ‘community conversations’ within their Villages to create solutions to some of their community problems. In Dominic’s village, the problems related to alcohol, low income and disrespectful relationships within families including family violence. Through Dominic’s leadership his community identified ways families can work together, solve arguments and communicate with each other more respectfully. The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.


**Reflections:** Families provide a child’s first, ongoing and most important experience of love, faith and learning. What is your child’s experience of love, faith and learning in your family?

**Consider this:** How do you work together as a family to get jobs done, solve problems or settle arguments?
What are your family’s traditions for expressing love and celebrating each other on your birthdays or other special days?

**Family conversations:** Talk with your child about ways we show respect for each other when we communicate, settle arguments or work together to do the household chores. What are the ways we show how much we love each other? What are the ways we work together to solve a problem?

**Pray together:** Merciful God, we thank you for the changes in Dominic’s life and community. May we learn, like Dominic, that we have a lot of power within to change ourselves and work for change in our community. In our love for you, may we love mercy, act justly and walk humbly. Amen.

**Plan together:** Hold a ‘family conversation’ to consider some ideas to raise funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.

**Week Four: Evangeline’s story**
This week’s story is about Evangeline who lives in the Wugularr community in the Northern Territory. Evangeline participates in a Caritas funded project that has supported her to develop skills to work as an Artworker at the Djilipin Arts Ghumnarn Culture Centre where she works to ‘strengthen the community by strengthening culture’. The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.


**Reflections:**
Consider your family’s cultural background. How important is this to you? How important is it to you that your child knows about their cultural background and is able to live it out in their lives?

**Consider this:** How does your family ‘live out’ your cultural heritage? What traditions do you celebrate together?

**Family conversations:**
Talk with your child about how your family’s cultural background/s shape what you do as a family e.g. the language you speak the food your eat, the events you celebrate?
What does it mean to each of you to be a part of your family’s cultural heritage?
What would it mean to you if you couldn’t express or celebrate your cultural heritage in your community?

**Pray together:**
God of All, help all the people of Australia to listen to First Australians, like Evangeline, and respect their cultures. Make the knowledge of how you grow strong in all people, so that you can find a home in us, and we can make a home for everyone in our land. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Plan together:**
Hold a ‘family conversation’ to consider some ideas to raise funds for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion 2016.

Katie Pole, Assistant Principal for Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)
On Tuesday, we celebrated ‘International Women’s Day’! All the women at the College joined together to share a lovely morning tea and each received a special gift of appreciation.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 18 March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

The National Day of Action provides a focus for schools and the wider school community to strengthen their everyday messages against bullying and violence.

There is a very informative website for parents and carers which provides information about bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence in schools. This can be found at: [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/parents/index.html)

For parents with older children, the Office of the Children’s esafety Commissioner is also a valuable resource. There is a very simple eSafety health check which is a great starting point for conversations with our young people. [https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/events/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence](https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/events/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence)

It’s well worth the look!

Year 9 and 10 Visual Art and Design

Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts and Design students have gotten off to a stellar start this year with their Visual Diary cover assessments. Students in Year 9 Design were required to design a cover using only their initials to portray different elements and principles in Design. Year 10 Design students experimented with Illustration styles, using Geometric shapes and patterns to re-create some of their favourite animals.

Alixandria Schuppan,
Year 9 and 10 Visual Art and Design Teacher

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