We acknowledged the unfolding Easter drama. We joined our Diocese and celebrated the Chrism Mass. The community gathered for our AGM.

Faith at Easter
Our school week comes to a close for a few days at Easter. It is a blessed time. There are Church rituals and family rituals and a sense that something important has happened in the world. There is rest and sunshine activity and our children get a chance to stop for a moment and remember a story that has changed all things. I hope that between chocolate eggs, the opening of the footy season and the loving delight of family gathering, we remember that deep sacredness is being recalled. I hope that we remember a brokenness of 2000 years ago. Certainly our students leave with a memory of connecting to the passion narrative, to the great holy event of Easter. Our Year 6s performed the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus for the Benedict community this week. They performed with distinction. They engaged the audience and brought alive the pathos and solemnity of the extraordinary story of Jesus’ last week. I felt blessed to be there. I felt connected to a two thousand year old sacred narrative that has had such an enormous impact on people. I felt linked to a faith community and the innocence and purpose of the Year 6 students. There is something powerfully transformative about the faith of a young person. When they try their best, and when they are engaged in a sacred story, powerful energy is shared. It is humbling. It is deeply felt. We celebrated that this week as part of our Holy Week reflection and we gathered to share reverence and respect for the unfolding drama of Easter. We are challenged to think and invited to get excited and there is a positivity. I wish all families a blessed Easter where hearts are touched and given a chance to connect. I wish all families a moment with this enveloping faithfulness called Christianity and its life changing invitation called resurrection.

Diocesan Assembly
Last week I was part of a gathering of representatives of the entire Diocese of Port Pirie. It is called the Diocesan Assembly. There were a number of St Mark’s people with me who attended the important conference. The Bishop gathers representatives from each Parish every year and of note this year Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, was present. He is a Church ambassador and is the direct contact with the Pope. It was why I was particularly proud of what he would have experienced. He saw our St Mark’s students at their best. Our Year 10s provided a theatrical opening to this assembly. With the skilful imagination and gentle guidance of Ms Fiona Clarke, the Year 10 Drama teacher, the students performed a piece about the how to open a door. It was a play connecting with the conference theme: ‘Opening Doors of Love and Mercy’. The students told a story and they sang, danced and created a magical theatrical moment. The Archbishop and the audience entered into Year 10 comic timing and poignant theatricality. The audience delighted at Year 10 humour, effort, focus and innocence. We understood, just a little better, the pope’s invitation to be forgiving in a Year of Mercy. The students had a door that had to be opened and it seemed stuck. As we followed the plot line of the play we realised that love couldn’t open the door. The only way to get it open was to have forgiveness as well as love. As the play concluded the students broke the door down to form a cross and it was a poignant message about what is required to forgive. I liked the theme. I liked the message. I liked the faithfulness of the performance. Particularly I felt proud of our young people who have courage and a sense of ensemble. They told the story well. We smiled. We felt holy. They set the tone of the conference and made it better by their effort. I thought that the conference opened with a beautiful insight into love and forgiveness and that was all to do with our Year 10s.
The Chrism Mass is a significant ceremony for the Diocese and our Year 7 students and Bosco Student Leaders attended the ceremony. Alphie Taylor leads the Chrism ceremony.

**Chrism Mass**
The Chrism Mass is a two hour liturgical event. It is a time when priests gather from all over the diocese to renew their vows and where oil is blessed ready to be used in the sacraments; in weddings, baptisms, confirmation and funerals. It is a significant moment for the Diocese and as part of the ceremony our Year 7s and Bosco student leaders attended. The Cathedral is actually full with many children from the 11 schools of the diocese. I walked around before it all began and chatted to the St Mark’s groups and laughed with them about the long session ahead. The students seemed excited, resigned and open to the experience. They smiled at me, shuffled comfortably into the pews knowing we were in for a liturgical spectacular. And then the Cathedral organist, St Mark’s teacher Isaac Ellis, opened the ceremony with full and powerful chords resonating around Cathedral walls. The choir sang and a large procession of priests entered. We smelt the first hints of incense, saw ritual banners and symbols, recognised Leo Taylor as an altar server and Patrick Williams as a reader, saw the Bishop in full ecclesial robes and so began ritual, mystery, beauty and faith. The occasion was formal and deliberate, reverent and distant. And yet as a community we felt close and involved, connected and faithful. We felt proud of the priests and loyal to our Bishop. We heard a message of steadfastness and resilience as well as a papal message about the gospel of joy. We saw beautiful Father Francis as Master of Ceremonies fusing faithfully and always smiling. The two hours unfolded and we lost a couple of students to the heat and lack of air (they are just fine now and a little sheepish). We enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch straight after and let the sugar in the soft drink revive drooping spirits. We also left energised by a ritual that is held all over the world and that has been held for a thousand years. Our students were exemplary in their behaviours and respect. The smiles were there at the end. They had a second and third sausage because they were starving and they were unconsciously caught up in the mystery of a wonderful church experience.

**Our AGM**
One of the most important evenings in the College calendar sometimes slips quietly by. A part of me wants a full and bustling crowd to hear the reports at the Annual General Meeting. I want them asking Business Manager Dominic LoBasso the hard questions about financial accountability. I want the group asking Board Chairperson Kingslee Stanley about the strategic plan and the families asking me about learning and faithfulness in the schools. Another part of me is relieved that not many turn up and it is a unified occasion and mostly seamless. It is quietly good governance; gently unprovocative. I guess that if there was something of deep concern then parents would attend because this is where the College Board are answerable. This is where we as a team have to stand before our community and say “this is what has been achieved”. Our community can then ask about the management and priorities in school life and administration.

The College was able to hold its Annual General Meeting where all formal business and reporting was tabled and where we held the election of the new Board for 2016. I thank Father Francis as President of our College who attended to oversee sound meeting practice. I am grateful to Kingslee Stanley for his report and to Jo Court who delivered a Parents and Friends report. Both spoke about accomplishments. Both talked about development of the College and what we have built and improved. It was about the building of community, the building of facilities and a real commitment to seeing how learning happens and the sacred becomes present in our great moments. Dominic LoBasso reported to the meeting about financial stability and good management of resources. I hope that you have a sense that this is indeed a very special educational community and that we are well managed. I will publish my report in the College Magazine and put it up online in the website.

In am delighted to announce our new College Board: Chairperson – Alan Zubrinich, Kingslee Stanley (Deputy Chairperson), Father Francis Montero (President), Greg Hay (Principal), Kate Kilpatrick (Deputy Principal), Kylie Smith (Deputy Principal), Megan Congdon (Staff Representative), Darryl Johnson, Katrina Butterick, Chris Raffanelli, Emily Williams, Daniel Launder, Jo Court and Dominic LoBasso (Executive Officer). I acknowledge the generosity and work of Catherine Caspers, Sarah Freer and Damien Freer who finish their time on the Board. They brought insight and a generosity of spirit to the group. We now launch out into a new year with an energetic and vibrant Board of Management. I might see you next year at the AGM to see how we all went.

**Greg Hoy, Principal**
Easter Message from the Bishop

“By your kingly power, O risen Lord, all that Adam lost is now restored…”

This is a line from the famous Easter hymn composed by the Australians Richard Connolly and Professor James McAuley in the seventies. There is such strength and joy in it as a hymn – “Sing Christ Risen!” It has the sort of joy and strength I would like every Christian in the diocese to have this Easter. And Christ is quoted elsewhere, “See, I do all things new”. You and I, our Church, all those we love, need the Easter grace of knowing that all is and will be transformed in the power of the Resurrection. No matter present disillusion, or flatness, or sense of failure, we as Church can stand up and with full voice proclaim as His followers, “Sing Christ Risen!” We can be made new.

Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ,

Parish Easter Services

HOLY THURSDAY - 7.30pm Cathedral
GOOD FRIDAY – Way of the Cross in Memorial Park 11am and 3.00pm at the Cathedral
SATURDAY – Easter Vigil 8pm Cathedral
EASTER SUNDAY – 8am St Anthony’s, 8.30am Crystal Brook and 10.00am Cathedral

Religious Education

Holy Week
This week is the culmination of the church’s Liturgical year – in a sense the Grand Final week of the church. It is a time for us to pause and try to comprehend a love so great that it encompasses all people with no exclusions. Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God’s promises to all people, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar. The parish Easter Services give us a wonderful opportunity to encounter Christ in the greatest story ever told.

As a College the Easter story has been a central focus for the week in prayer, gatherings and in different events. Our Benedict community had the opportunity to see it portrayed in a musical drama. As a community at Bosco we all gathered in prayer before moving off for the Easter Weekend.

Year 6 Easter Play
I would like to congratulate Karen Murphy, Bret Swensson and Jo Wilsdon for the work they have done in preparing and presenting the Easter Musical Play ‘That We Might Live’ with their Year 6 classes. This is a new presentation of the story they have embarked on this year and I congratulate them for the way in which they have presented the story for our Benedict Community.

Harmony Day
It was quite fitting that Harmony Day fell on Monday of Holy Week. As a College we recognised and celebrated our diversity and had a focus on everyone developing a sense of belonging. Our Benedict community coloured their doors Orange and gathered together for a whole Campus photograph. Over at Bosco students worked together to form the word Harmony. It was an awesome display of working together to achieve a purpose. I would like to thank Fr Francis Montero for once again supporting our College endeavours by attending our celebrations.

Diocesan Youth Assembly
A reminder that the Diocesan Youth Assembly will be held on April 9/10 at Samaritan College in Whyalla. The theme of the event is ‘Show and Live Mercy’. Students in Year 10 and upwards are invited to come along. Younger students are able to join in the Mass and concert on Sunday from 11am.

Registration Details can be found on the Diocesan website http://www.pp.catholic.org.au/caring-for-our-community/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/2016-youth-assembly-registration-form or obtained from Mr Isaac Ellis or myself

Visual Art Competition – Opening Doors of Mercy
Teachers throughout the school are promoting the “Opening Doors and Mercy” Visual art competition. Students who place an entry into the competition will be awarded House Challenge Cup points. The winner from each Campus will have their work displayed on a door in their respective chapel and be placed in the Diocesan wide competition for judging. Entries need to be into me by Tuesday April 12. Further details can be obtained from class teachers.

Project Compassion
This week is the last of our series of Project Compassion feature stories. I would like to thank the College community for the way they have embraced our campaign during the Lenten season. We will complete our fundraising at the end of the Term. It has been pleasing to see so many groups within our community contributing to the campaign through Liturgy, fundraising and awareness activities.

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

An Easter Prayer

Of all of God’s gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven’s gate

This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won

This Easter I pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, renewed
Inside your heart
God Bless You!

~Anonymous~
From the Deputy Principal

Easter Play - ‘That We Might Live’
Today, our Year 6 classes portrayed a beautiful account of the Holy Week and Easter story for Benedict Campus, families and friends. Cleverly written by Anne Frawley-Mangan and Michael Mangan, the script included scripture references from all four gospels so that the whole story unfolded chronologically. This type of script honours the distinctive character and portrayal of Jesus that is inherent in each gospel. The Holy Week and Easter stories are central to our Christian tradition, with each of the sacraments having significance within the week long celebrations.
Special and heartfelt thanks goes to Karen Murphy and Bret Swensson for the effort and organisation they have put in to prepare the students during this term. We appreciate your time and the student’s efforts to retell such an important part of our history.
Thank you also to the Year 6 parents who assisted in ensuring costumes and props were organised and ready.
We hope everyone who came to see the play enjoyed it as much as the students enjoyed putting it on for everyone?

Harmony Day
On Monday this week all staff and students at Benedict raised awareness of ‘equality for all’ by wearing something orange in support of National Harmony Day. Staff began the day with a breakfast BBQ. Classes decorated the outside of their rooms and parts of the school with orange hands and balloons, raising awareness of the importance of everybody being equal in our community and beyond. Special prayers were said and activities undertaken in classrooms. At the end of lunch, we all gathered in the Quadrangle Area. Mr Swensson, our master photographer for the day, took a photo of us all together in HARMONY. Thank you to Angela Jordan and the SRC team for organising the activities.

Welcome
This week we welcome an old scholar back into the fold. Hannah Young has joined our staff to complete the last year of her University Degree with a ten week practicum in the Year 7 Blue classroom with Toni Boulton and Kathryn Crouch. We trust and hope that you will enjoy your time back at St Mark’s College and learn many new ‘tricks of the trade’ during your time with us? Thank you for choosing us!

Parent/Teacher Online
The Benedict Parent/Teacher Interviews are taking place from Monday 4 – Wednesday 7 April. These interviews are for all parents to attend. Today you should have received home a letter outlining the process for you to choose an interview time for your child/ren. This is now ONLY being done online. It is a very quick and easy process to follow and can be done on any device with an internet connection. If you are experiencing problems or need help to make an interview time, please call or come into the Front Office, where there will be a computer set up to assist you or someone to help. All interview times need to be made no later than next Friday 1 April at 9 am. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Parent Involvement
We have a number of events ‘on the go’ regarding parents and their involvement in the school:
- A note came home a couple of weeks ago wanting to know our parents ‘gifts and talents’. Thank you to those who have sent these back in. The information collected will be used to create a database to help us utilise the qualities and talents of our parent body here at Benedict Campus. As the note stated, we are not experts in everything we do. We know that there are plenty of talented parents and family members that may be able to help us from time to time within the student’s educational needs. Please send the tear off slip in if you are interested.
- We have many wonderful ‘reading’ Mums and Dads coming in each morning to listen to our students read. This is a vital part of every student’s education – it is the grounding of all we do. As Dr Seuss states: 
_The more you read the more you know._
_The more you know the more you grow._
So read, read, read.

- In Week 11, on Wednesday 13 April, there will be our inaugural Parent Engagement Taskforce meeting being undertaken at St Mark’s College. This taskforce is to be made up of parents, staff, students and leadership from both Bosco and Benedict Campus. The taskforce is being put together to establish ways to strengthen family and community engagement in your children’s learning. Ann Bliss, the South Australian president of the ‘Federation of Catholic Schools Parent Communities’ will be here to facilitate this meeting. We are looking for a passionate parent from both Benedict and Bosco campus to take part in this important initiative. Please see your respective Front Office if interested. Thank you, in anticipation.

I wish you all a safe, relaxed and Holy Easter with your families. I trust you will all enjoy the time together and, if travelling, will do so safely. God’s grace and blessings to you all.

_Kylie Smith,_
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus

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Learning through Play

When children are playing they engage themselves in learning which is meaningful and relevant to them. More often than not, classroom learning inspires children’s play intentions and allows them to connect their classroom experiences to their everyday lives. It is through play that children connect, hypothesise and experiment with new theories.

Year 3 Green have been talking about Indigenous culture and its connection to the land. During recess and lunchtime play they have been playing in the Wonderland and sharing their knowledge and ideas with other students.

We have been doing Aboriginal painting in the Wonderland. All we had to do was smash the big rock and the stuff came out (which we called paint.) It was fun, especially when we painted ourselves. Then we had to wash it off.

_Capri - Year 3 Green student_

We were making stamps and we were crushing up little rocks and dipping bigger rocks in the chalk to make the stamp. We were pretending like we were Aboriginal people and how they lived.

_Violet - Year 3 Green student_

I was making a little fire so I could have some marshmallows that were in my lunchbox. I used rocks to make a circle and sticks to make the fire.

_Olivia - Year 2 Blue student_

I was making a fire. I was using sticks and leaves. I also had stones around it so the fire wouldn’t spread.

_Jaxon - Year 2 Blue student_

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P & F Movie Night

_Thursday 14 April_

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In class Year 2 students Olivia and Jaxon had fun joining in the play at the Benedict Wonderland.
From the Deputy Principal

Leadership Formation Day
Last Friday our House Representatives and students leaders gathered at Benedict for their Formation Training Day. This year we were excited to include our Year 7 leaders and embraced the opportunity for cross campus leadership development. Over the course of the day students engaged in fun and collaborative activities that enabled deep reflection on their own personal leadership style as well as opportunities to discuss ideas and ambitions for the year ahead. Students engaged in public speaking activities, placing them well outside of their comfort zone. They learned the importance of positive self-talk and delivery techniques, as they courageously practiced in front of their peers. I was most impressed by the confidence of our young leaders and their ability to engage the audience with hand gestures, posture and tone. The group went off site in the middle session to take part in the Chisram Mass. Whilst, a little warm, it was a beautiful ceremony that really highlighted the rich traditions within our Church. Here students learnt the importance of faith development and the role this plays as a leader within a Catholic school. The final session was led by Mr Hay who explored the many different styles of leadership through the art of Disney characters. From the fun-loving princess Ariel who is quick to laugh and always looking for a new adventure to Mr Incredible, a natural born leader, determined to reach his goals and confident in decision making, students had fun discovering their personal leadership style and strengths as well as developing an awareness of those around them. The day was organised and facilitated with excellence by our experienced team of House Leaders. Their enthusiasm, dedication and vibrant presence were instrumental in the success and spirit of the day.

New Student Morning Tea
New students gathered Friday for a Principal’s Morning Tea, each bringing along a buddy that has helped them settle into life at St Mark’s. The conference room was filled to the brim, primarily with Year 8’s, excited about the prospect of a finger bun, some fruit and a chance to chat with their Principal. Mr Hay welcomed them well and it wasn’t too long before students were sharing stories and experiences of their first few weeks and talking openly about what they love about the place. There were smiles and laughter and a genuine sense that our new students have settled in, have made friends and are happy to be a part of the St Mark’s community.

Harmony Day
On Monday the community gathered in orange to celebrate Australia’s rich cultural diversity. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’ reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. This year our theme was ‘our diversity is our strength’. The Bosco community joined for a special prayer service that recognised the importance of diversity and celebrated our indifference. Fr Francis reminded us of the importance of being welcoming and inclusive to all. Following our moment of prayer we took on the challenge of forming the word HARMONY on the oval. I was impressed by the collaboration of our students, they just made it happen. They waved, they high fived, they got a sense that we are a part of something bigger. I extend my deep thanks to the Freer family for bringing in the drone and helping our vision come alive. Kallis (Year 8) was cool, calm and collected and not at all rattled by the pressure of getting ‘the money shot’, it was quite exceptional to watch really. The photo was about our commitment to working together to create an environment where people belong, a home that welcomes and accepts everyone. It was a unique expression of our commitment to harmony. Students were asked to bring in a gold coin donation for their orange casual attire, with all money raised being donated to Caritas, Project Compassion.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Last night parents gathered in the new Bosco Centre for the first round of our Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews. For many it was the first time in the centre, a chance to see the new and innovative learning environment designed specifically to enhance the learning experiences of our Year 12 students. The evening was well attended and continued to enable supportive, focused conversations regarding student’s learning progress. We are grateful for parents’ ongoing commitment to working closely in partnership with us.

Senior School Homework Club
Many students this week have already utilized the extended hours offered by the Bosco Centre after school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday’s for their study. Students worked diligently on assignments and utilized the extra support offered by our staff. It was wonderful to see students already focused and committed to doing their best.

Report Distribution
On Friday, April 15 (the last day of term) all Year 8-12 students will receive a Term 1 Academic Report. This document will provide parents key insights into their child’s learning and progress. Absent students will be provided their report on the first day back in Term 2.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus
Year 9 STEM

This year we have introduced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) as a subject on the Year 9 Elective line. In recent weeks the students have been learning about coding; using block coding as well as JavaScript through a range of online portals. To further build these skills and ‘see them in action’ the students received their LEGO Mindstorm EV3 sets in week 7. It was a very exciting lesson as the students opened many packages, sorted their equipment and began constructing their first robots. The LEGO Mindstorm is a programmable robotics construction set that gives students the opportunity to build, program and command their own LEGO robots. The set includes everything they need to create any of 17 robots and make them walk, talk, move and utilise a range of sensors. Throughout the unit students will be working cooperatively to construct different robots and have them complete a range of tasks. Tasks can range from quite simple instructions to moving through a maze, collecting pieces of equipment with robotic arms and moving them to other points. The students create all of the coding instructions on their devices and share these wirelessly with the ‘brick’ of the EV3. The coming weeks will see a great deal of measuring, trialling, utilising feedback and competitive determination to get their robots working most efficiently with succinct coding instructions. We can’t wait!

Tamara Wilson,
Year 9 STEM Teacher

Year 11 Child Studies

Baby Think It Over Program

The ‘Baby Think it Over’ program was a fun and challenging experience given to the Year 11 Child Studies students. Each weekend for the past 8 weeks a student has looked after a “Sim Baby” which has simulated how a newborn baby would act and the attention a real baby would need. The babies cried in the middle of the night and interrupted routines and plans. Students felt the emotions a new mother might feel, such as frustration and a little anger from lack of sleep but also love and attachment when the baby had to be returned on the Monday morning. Students kept a journal of their time with the baby and the overall feedback about the program was positive, as it was a generally interesting experience which may have scared some girls away from motherhood for quite a few years.

Nicola Turci,
Year 11 Child Studies student

St Joseph’s House Visits

In the past two weeks our class, 10M, have visited St Joseph’s House twice. At first we were really nervous about going there as we didn’t really know what to do or what to talk about. Some of us brought along some games and cards to play with the elderly as some of them were not really talkative but wanted to play some games. During our first visit the residents had a big game of bingo which they all were pretty excited about and some of the students even got to help them out when their numbers were called. During our second visit, the residents had a Saint Patrick’s Day party where they all got dressed in green, had green food and most of all, had a lot of fun. It was a good experience getting to know some of the residents and some of them were even excited to see us and have a conversation as some of them don’t really get many visitors and don’t really have anyone to talk to.

Sam Condon and Braydan Tattoli,
Year 10 students
TAFE instructors delivered a two day Crutching Course at St Mark’s College recently.

Twelve students recently took part in a two day Crutching Course held at St Mark’s College delivered by TAFE SA instructors. The students crutched 260 sheep over the two days.

By the end of the course all students were able to crutch a sheep under supervision and they were also taught some skills in the area of sheep and wool handling.

These students will have the opportunity to participate in a week long Shearing School to be held at St Mark’s in September.

Joel Head,
Manager Agriculture/Trade Skills Centre
Year 8 and 9 Visual Arts

Year 8 and 9 Visual Arts students have been busy this term creating some inspiring works for their folio covers. The Year 8 Visual Arts students had an introduction to technical drawing, developing a 3D version of their name using the isometric drawing technique. They then applied the elements of art to decorate each letter. Year 9 Art students worked through a conceptual process, exploring the use of symbolism to create a drawing entitled “This Is Who I Am”.

Megan Congdon,
Visual Arts Teacher

Cyber Bullying and Sexting Information Night

If you or your children are using social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter, there are some simple steps you can take to manage your reputation and protect your identity. Even if you are not using these sites, it is important to manage your digital footprint and identify any false or misleading information about you or your children online.

St Marks Parents and Friends invite you to attend a Sexting and Cyber Bullying Information Evening. Senior Constable Julianne Fowler from the South Australian Police will be delivering this informative session for parents on Cyber Safety.

Monday 11 April 2016 at 7.00pm in the Bishop Gallagher Centre (Bosco Campus)

Look forward to seeing you there.
SMC Soccer

Soccer registration forms were distributed at Benedict last week to Year 2-7 students. Registration forms are also available at Bosco. Please see Mr Fay if you would like one.

**Registration Forms and money are due on Wednesday 30 March.**

Students in Reception and Year 1 who wish to play soccer will need to collect forms from the Benedict Office.

**Reception students** are only eligible to participate in the “Come and Try” development program. Information about this program has been handed out to all Reception students.

**Year 1 students** whose parents feel that their child is ready for team sport are able to play in the Under 8 competition in the Small Sided games.

**Sports Vouchers** are able to be redeemed for any Primary aged child playing sport. This offers parents a 50% discount on registration fees when the form is submitted together with registration forms. Please note that you can only submit one voucher per calendar year per child. All information regarding sports vouchers and payments is on the registration forms.

Please make sure that the sports vouchers are filled out correctly with all the required details.

We are still looking for coaches especially in the Under 8 and Under 10 age groups. Please contact me at school if you can help. The 2016 soccer season starts on Saturday 7 May.

*Pia Keain, SMC Soccer Coordinator*

SMC Hockey

Organisation is well under way for Hockey this year. Teams have been posted and coaches finalised. We sincerely thank those that have volunteered their time to coach again this season. The first week of junior hockey is Friday 6 May and Saturday 7 May.

Training times have been set, please be aware of when your child will train and please ensure they have their mouthguard and shin pads at training. Training will begin for different teams depending on the coach. More information to follow!

The information for online registrations will be emailed to you in the coming weeks, this is unfortunately a process that can’t be avoided, and your child will be unable to play if the online registration isn’t complete. There is also a Hockey SA fee that will be charged to you as outlined on the registration form. Detailed information will be sent to you to make the process easier for you, and we sincerely thank you for your support with this.

Hook into Hockey will also be run by the Port Pirie Hockey Association this year; the program is for beginners between the ages of 5-10. Participants receive a pack on sign up including a hockey stick, shin guards plus a lot more. For more information, check out [http://www.hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/](http://www.hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/). An opportunity to sign up will come soon.

Uniforms will be distributed to your child at school prior to the season starting.

If your child is interested in playing Hockey, but has not registered, it is not too late! Feel free to contact me at the school to organise registration for your child.

*Jesslyn Oxford, SMC Hockey Coordinator*

SMC Football

There are a large number of students wanting to play “Little League (U/9)” football for St Mark’s College. This is fantastic for the College to have so many children wanting to play. Therefore I am calling on volunteers to assist on Thursday afternoons at trainings and on the Sunday game day as well. The U/9 competition involves 3 separate games being played at the same time. Each U/9 team is separated in accordance to year level and skill development. The games are played under modified rules. We require 2 coaches per team.

Coaches will need to have a police check, following School and Association policy and also to complete the Responding to Abuse and Neglect on-line training. Please contact Matt Mead at Benedict if you are able to assist.

*Matt Mead, SMC Football Coordinator*

SMC Netball

Here are some important details regarding the beginning of the netball season:

- We will have a trials night for all U11 (those who played U9 last year) - Year 7 Players on Tuesday 29/3 5-6pm at the netball courts. All players need to attend (Modified players U8 and U9 will commence training the following week).

- All provisional teams will be advised on Friday 1/4 subject to Association Grading.

- Training for all grades in teams will be on in Weeks 10 and 11.

- Coaches will advise teams if they are offering training sessions in the holidays.

- Season dates are on the reverse side of this sheet

- The season commences on Saturday 30 April (End of Term 1 Holidays)

I would like to thank the St Mark’s Celtic Junior and Senior committees for the many hours of work they have undertaken so far preparing for the 2016 season. We look forward to an enjoyable and competitive season for all.

*Katie Pole, SMC Netball Coordinator*
Sports News

ATTENTION - Sports Coaches and Team Managers

Volunteer Induction is mandatory for all Coaches and Managers of St Mark’s teams.
There will be two sessions:
Netball Coaches and Managers on 31 March at 7.00pm in the Benedict Library,
all other Coaches and Managers on 5 May at 5.30pm in the Good Samaritan Hall

SMC Tennis

St Mark’s College finished the Tennis Season with two Grand Final winners.
Congratulations to:
Girls A/B Grade Kelly - Maggie Dickeson, Riley Hunt, Claudia Pisani and Adelita Hay
Girls E Grade Foster - Katie Doyle, Dakota Kendall, Ruby Dunbar, Jessica Evely and Jessica Doyle.
Congratulations also to our Association Award Winners:
Kate Stanley Memorial Trophy - Maggie Dickeson
Ken Madigan Trophy - Ardia Mead

SMC Tennis Committee

Grand Final Winners - A/B Grade Kelly
Grand Final Winners - E Grade Foster

SAPSASA Summer Carnival

During Week 6 I had the opportunity to attend the SAPSASA summer cricket carnival with all of my friends. I chose to play cricket because it is a sport that I don’t usually play and I wanted to have a go at it. Everyone had a great day playing sport with their friends. It was fun to play and compete against the other schools. The cricket was the best with easy rules, challenging matches and the hitting lots of fours and sixes. I really enjoyed the day and I would recommend it for the Year 5 students next year.

Ben, Year 7 student

The SAPSASA Summer Carnival was a day full of fun, skill and sportsmanship. Our Year 6 and 7 students competed in cricket, softball and tennis.
Harmony Day

Benedict Campus

It was a beautiful sight to see all the Benedict students join together in "Harmony"!

Bosco Campus

Bosco students gathered on the oval to spell out the word "Harmony" in celebration of Harmony Day.
We have our final 2 focus stories for the Project Compassion Campaign for 2016. Here we see the work being done in Cambodia and India. Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Project Compassion Campaign.

**Week Five: Sreymom’s story**

This week’s story is about Sreymom who lives in Cambodia. Sreymom participates in a Caritas funded project that has supported her and other midwives to receive training to improve their skills to provide quality pre and post-natal care to pregnant women and new mothers. The project wouldn’t be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.


**Reflections:**

- Consider your own family's experience when you were expecting your first child.
- Consider the medical care and support you received during the pregnancy and soon after your child's birth.
- **Consider this:**
  - What would it have meant to you if you couldn’t have accessed quality pre and post-natal care for you and your baby?

**Family conversations:**

- Share stories with your child/ren about their journey into the world and the support and care you received in that time.
- Consider what it can be like for families not able to access the level of care we take for granted in Australia.

**Pray together:**

Protector God, we thank you for the skills and confidence Sreymom has gained through joining the Caritas program. May she and all midwives provide the care that all pregnant mothers need. Where we are lacking in courage, may we grow in strength. Amen.

**Plan together:**

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

**Week Six: Dhaniram’s story**

This week’s story is about Dhaniram who lives in India. Dhaniram participates in a Caritas funded the grass-roots Hamara Haq ('Our Rights') project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia. He's gained the skills to help his community claim what's rightfully theirs and develop their plan for a better future. The project wouldn't be possible without money raised by Caritas’ Project Compassion.


**Reflections:**

- Consider your own family's experience when you were unable to gain access to basic human rights.
- Consider how you would care for your children and enable them to have opportunity without having basic needs.
- **Consider this:**
  - What would it have meant to you if you couldn’t speak up and ask for your basic human rights?

**Family conversations:**

- Share stories with your child/ren about their home and how important it is
- Consider what it can be like for families not able to comfortable home to live in.

**Pray together:**

Protector God, we thank you for the passion and courage Dhaniram has gained through joining the Caritas program. May he continue in his courage to speak out for basic human rights. Where we are lacking in courage, may we grow in strength. Amen.
With our enrolment period open, the new St Mark’s TV commercials will go to air next week!

Our new commercials give viewers an insight into a school day for Grace (Reception), Tom (Ag student and Salesian House boarder) and Katelin (Year 12 Visual Arts student). We showcase our facilities, share in the enjoyment and experience the learning which is all part of our students school day!

A big thank you to Grace, Tom and Katelin for sharing their day, and to their parents Kathy, David, Jane and Colin for affirming their child’s experience with a short testimonial.

Thank you also to Joby for his expertise in filming and editing the commercials, to Fiona and Mardi for their musical creativity and for all staff who were involved!

**Catherine Caspers,**
Marketing and PR Coordinator

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**Singing Lessons**
Available during or after school. Learn music you enjoy. Please contact Anne Hansen (Bachelor of Music) on 86 36-2231 or 0429 866 242.

**Over 40 Men’s Hockey**
We’re launching an over 40’s Men’s Team! The St Mark’s Lions. We need players. Short Games! Big Laughs! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! The over 40 competition is a good social game. Men who’ve retired from their chosen sport take up hockey every year and love the feeling of being in a team, playing sport and having a laugh with team mates after the game. Contact the College on 86 33-8800.

**Exhibition Opening**
Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery and Port Pirie Regional Health Services invites you to ‘Tarpari’ art works celebrating the talent and diversity of Aboriginal artists from the Yorke and Mid North Regions on Friday 1 April at 6pm.

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**Catholic Education SA Parent Survey**
Catholic Education SA has invited parents and carers with a child/ren in a Catholic school to take part in a confidential online survey to have your say on:
**What makes a good school?**
**Why you chose this school?**
**Whether you would recommend a Catholic Education to other parents?**
The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities advocates for the parent voice to be heard in Catholic Education and strongly supports this initiative so we encourage all parents to take part in the survey.

The survey is being conducted by independent research firm Square Holes and is open until the end of term 1 (Friday April 15).
It will take 10 - 15 minutes. To take part go to [www.squareholes.com/parentsurvey](http://www.squareholes.com/parentsurvey)

Be informed. Be connected. Be heard.
# An Illustrated Guide to The Triduum

**By Jonathan Teixeira for the Focus Blog**

## Holy Thursday

**What Happened on That Day**

- Jesus celebrates the Passover Seder/Last Supper with the Apostles.
- He washes their feet, showing them what type of leaders they are to be as priests.
- Jesus institutes the Eucharist.
- Jesus suffers in the Garden, sweats blood in anguish as he prays.
- Jesus is betrayed by Judas and handed over to the authorities. Jesus is arrested.

**What You’ll See at Church**

- The priest wears white because it’s a joyful day, celebrating our love for Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Each Mass is celebrated, including Holy Thursday Masses.
- Candles are lit only when Jesus in the Eucharist is present.
- The tabernacle is still empty, and the church is still undecorated.

**Live the Day**

- Keep silence throughout the day, especially from 12:00pm-3:00pm, when Jesus was on the cross.
- Increase your time spent praying, reflect on the Passion.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your parish may schedule a service.

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## Good Friday

**What Happened on That Day**

- While Jesus is Interrogated, Peter denies knowing him three times.
- Persecution Pilate questions Jesus. He offers the crowd a choice – Jesus or Barabbas?
- Jesus is scourged.
- Jesus carries the cross on which he will be crucified.
- Jesus is nailed to the cross and left to die.
- He gives his mother Mary to John, and in turn, each of us.
- Jesus’ body is taken down from the cross, prepared for burial, and placed in the tomb.

**What You’ll See at Church**

- The priest wears red to bring to mind the blood Jesus shed.
- The Passion of the Lord is read at Mass. The congregation prays the Our Father.
- The Veneration of the Cross occurs during the Good Friday Service. These are the times when the congregation shows their devotion to the crucifixion of Jesus.

**Live the Day**

- The day is a day of fasting and mourning.
- Pray the Sorrows of Our Lady.

**Live the Day**

- Take the day totally off from work and schoolwork.

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## Easter Vigil

**What Happened on That Day**

- Jesus rose from the dead and leaves the tomb.
- The guards at the tomb report what happened to the chief priests, who pay them off to tell a cover story.
- Peter and John check out the tomb. All they find are the burial cloths.
- Mary Magdalene sticks around the tomb and encounters Jesus.
- Jesus appears to more disciples, shows them his wounds, gives them power to forgive sins.

**What You’ll See at Church**

- The Paschal Candle, the “Light of Christ” is carried into the church and the congregation lights are lit from it.
- The Easter vigil and Easter are times for spiritual renewal and growth.
- We sing Alleluia, the Cross, and the Masses for the first time since before Lent started!
- People coming into the Catholic Church are Baptized and Confirmed.

**Live the Day**

- Decorate your house, Easters, and symbolize the hope, joy, and new life found in the resurrection.
- Have a feast!

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