We journeyed long to Port Lincoln and the farmers visited McNally Farm. The Benedict parents formed partnership and the staff listened to the ‘Song in their Hearts’.

The Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival

I was particularly proud of the achievement of our Bosco athletes who travelled down to Port Lincoln to compete in the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival. A team of 70 students travelled by bus last Thursday to compete at the annual athletics carnival. We had a chance to run against Caritas (Port Augusta) and Samaritan (Whyalla) and St Joseph’s the host city. The enjoyment of competing included being billeted out to the St Joseph’s families. Students were scattered to generous families and they returned to tell stories of wonderful Port Lincoln hospitality. It was exciting. It takes some courage to go to a strange place for a night just like it takes courage to stand isolated on a running track or at a field event. Our Bosco students were brave and were able to turn nervousness into fun and uncertainty into achievement.

We have had a long association with this event. It is an engaging Catholic School moment. There is a rivalry and a sense of honour as the representative teams meet. There are personal expectations of excellence, heroes on the field, magical moments of competition and all the highs and lows of challenge. The Principals tease each other about who wins and the students find themselves growing in unity and purpose. We are a better school because our students compete. They grow as young people. The competition does that.

There are always individual events which capture the imagination. Some of our young people stepped up and made the Carnival their own with their dash and brilliance. We won the Under 14 and Under 16 age group and Eden Smith, Jai Thornton, Jacob Evans, Merina Caputo and Hannah Bentley had individually splendid days. The glamour events like the sprints are compelling. Our Captains Merina and Jacob had significant wins as did about seven others but the distinctive element of this wonderful St Mark’s achievement came in the generosity of students who had to step up to unfilled events. If there was a vacancy people stepped. They competed because they knew it was important for the school to be represented. They risked defeat, and often found it, but the team was more important than the individual. They didn’t hesitate. They inspired because young people can be so generous and recognise a situation greater than themselves. The Spencer Gulf Athletic Carnival gives our students a chance to excel and commit to something beyond themselves. It’s very important.

What happened on that bus trip home surprised. The students had been exemplary in their behaviour and courtesy. They had been courageous in competition. But on the long, tiring drive home a sense of cohesion and team was defined. The students had experienced something important together and that translated into pride, purpose and fun. They had a great time on the athletics track and on the bus. They grew as young people. I write with a sense of gratitude to Coach Coordinator Jess Oxford and the teachers who supported this endeavour. I congratulate the students and share their groaning disappointment that we just lost to St Joseph’s. Sometimes coming second can be a very important achievement. Driving down there and coming second this year has made us a slightly stronger, better College.

The McNally Farm - Ag Night Barbecue

The McNally Farm community invites community leaders, friends and sponsors to a celebratory barbecue every year at this time of year. It is always this time of year because our farmers are beginning to look at the weather patterns and prepare for seeding. The very busy season is about to begin. If we don’t get them in now we will lose them to the tyranny of the tractor and

Well done to all our St Mark’s students who represented the College at the recent Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival in Port Lincoln.
the captivity of the cultivation. Kingslee Stanley explained to me over a sausage and a drink that if it rains on Anzac Day it would be perfect (perhaps the Anzac marchers disagree) because then they can seed. Tuesday night was the time to invite all of our supporters and to thank them before the rains. In fact the barbecue is about the partnerships that have been formed to make McNally Farm an exemplary site for learning. Many people attended who support the farm, our students’ learning and the great rural vision of this project. There were people who have loaned equipment, donated time and expertise, provided machinery and even livestock. There were TAFE teachers and livestock agents, shearsers and people who get our students to ride a horse, ride a tractor, make wine, build fences, grow pigs and keep the fish alive. Many of them have given advice and provided other support. We wanted them to not only feel welcome but get them to see the contributions they had made.

I am very grateful to Joel Head and Brian Hayes for the pride and organisation of the farm and to Paul Matthews and Sam Powell for the excitement they bring to the learning. Deb Slade did all the organisation and the Year 11 Hospitality students created some delicious salads. John Slade and Paul Cagney were in charge of the barbecue and it was a grand night.

I like to call McNally farm a place of growing. We grow crops and animals and people. It’s an outstanding centre and at our barbecue we got caught up in the magic of the place.

**The Benedict Parent Teacher Nights**
At Benedict the term comes to an end with a meeting of the parents and the teachers. This went very smoothly. It was the first time organising it through online booking but more importantly it was an important time in developing partnership. Teachers prepare busily to make sure that the meeting goes smoothly. Parents go online and negotiate the electronic process to make a booking. Teachers write notes and prepare for each individual interview and parents perhaps are a little anxious about what is going to be said. Certainly our early career teachers are as nervous as anything because they see very clearly the responsibility that we share in the process of learning and formation. If only they recognised how deeply their enthusiasm and commitment touch the lives of the children. What finally happens is a determination to keep going and keep trying in the partnership. What happens is a deeper appreciation of the shared effort that people are making to make the learning experience as successful as possible. I am very grateful for the time that parents and teachers put into making this event so successful. The children win out in the end.

**Staff Faith Formation**
Our staff community gather formally at the end of every term to be still and pray. It’s part of the pattern of our year. We engage in theology or spirituality and do some thinking, some sharing, some listening to our hearts in the form of a Faith Formation session. This year we invited young vocal artist Steph Unger to tell a little of her story and play some of her music. It would guide us to our own hearts and help us understand a little of our own journey. We heard about struggle, thought about courage and understood a little better a commitment to faithfulness. We listened to some really beautiful music. We closed our eyes to a sense of sacred presence. It became something in which hearts were touched, and also something a bit practical for the teachers to take away for their students. Music links into people’s faith lives. It somehow helps us define or sense, builds intuition, creates connection. It honours the sacred and it doesn’t need words. We sometimes have a chance to touch the profound as a staff community. It was like that on a Thursday afternoon at school.

Greg Hay,
Principal
Religious Education

We have many blessed moments to be thankful for during Term 1. We journeyed through lent together and renewed ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Easter Season that we are now in gives us a real sense of and hope as we enter a new Church year.

Staff Faith Formation

This week our staff had the opportunity to work with Stephanie Unger as part of our Faith Formation program we run each year. She is a Catholic School teacher from Queensland who writes and produces her own music. It was inspiring to hear Stephanie’s personal faith journey told through music. Staff who are involved in the planning and preparation of School liturgies had the opportunity to work more closely with her on how to enhance our liturgical celebrations for our school community.

Diocesan Assembly

This coming weekend approximately 40 young people from across our diocese will assemble for a weekend based around the theme of mercy. This will involve various activities and workshops to identify ways to ‘show and live mercy’. The key presenter of the weekend will be Stephanie Unger. The weekend will finish with a concert presented by Stephanie. The weekend will be a real highlight for those who participate.

Andrew Chinn

Next term we have the opportunity to host Andrew Chinn at Benedict Campus. He composes contemporary liturgical music. You will have heard many of his songs during our school celebrations. Families will have the opportunity to join in on the concert at the end of the day. On the day Andrew will have copies of his music on sale.

Confirmation

Our Year 7 students have been busy working on their program that prepares them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been exploring the meaning and tradition of the various rituals involved in the sacrament of Confirmation. They have also been researching a saint and sponsor as a role model and source of support on their faith journey.

The Confirmation Commitment Program commences this weekend (April 9/10) with a rite of welcome. Here the children formally commit to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It is a really affirming time for the candidates as the parish community can support them on the journey. At the same time it is a time of affirmation for the members of our parish and their faith journey.

Opening Doors of Mercy Art Competition

All students in the College have been invited by Brenda Keenan to participate in a visual art competition. The theme of the Art work is “Opening Doors of Mercy”. A winner will be chosen from each Campus and their work will be judged against all other schools in the diocese. Entries need to be submitted to me by Tuesday 12 April.

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

Parent / Teacher Interviews
This week we have been conducting our annual 1st term Parent / Teacher Interviews. These are a wonderful opportunity for the teachers and parents to discuss the children's social/ emotional/behavioural progress and discuss concerns and/or highlights within their education. Each teacher spends a considerable amount of time preparing for each individual interview. I would like to personally thank the teachers for all their time and effort in ensuring our students receive the best education possible whilst providing their knowledge and expertise during these interviews to all parents. This is the partnership between home and school working at its best.

Student Awards
Award presentations at Benedict Campus are a special time for all the Benedict Campus community. These take place at our School Assembly's (Weeks 3/6/9) and at the end of each term with the Deputy Principal Awards. Awards are given as a special acknowledgement of students doing well in particular areas of their learning and personal growth. Our general practice here at Benedict is that parents of award recipients are not contacted when their child is receiving an award. This ensures a surprise for not only the child but the family as well! We appreciate you respecting this school based decision.
Our Deputy Principal Awards will take place on the last day of term within our End of Term Liturgy at 11:20 am in the GSH. All families and friends are invited to attend.

Hair Styles at Benedict
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- Boys must present to school each day clean shaven.

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Andrew Chinn Visit - Term 2
On Wednesday 4 April (Term 2 Week 1), Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our students. Andrew’s songs, such as ‘These Hands’, ‘Rainbow’ and ‘An African Blessing’ are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australian, New Zealand, USA and Canada. There will be a concert with all the students in the Good Samaritan Hall at 1:45 pm. Parents/ parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of this celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. Andrew will also be selling his CD’s, DVD’s and picture books after the concert, with prices being $2-$13 off their regular prices.

We look forward to seeing you there! You will not regret coming and enjoying the children’s joy and excitement with this talented artist.

Fatima Centre Official Opening
Those of you who have been around near our newest building will have noticed the new signage displayed, saying ‘Fatima Centre’. The Fatima Centre is named after the original Junior Primary School, named ‘Fatima’, that moved to these grounds in 2002. Many of our staff and parents either taught at Fatima or went to school there, so it holds special memories. We are currently organising the official opening of this building which will be held on Friday 13 May. Our Year 1 and 2 students and their families will be invited to attend this special occasion along with some special guests. More information will come out about this early in Term 2.

Child Protection Curriculum
The Government of South Australia’s ‘Department of Education and Child Development’ has a program that we use here at Benedict Campus called the ‘Child Protection Curriculum’. This program is taught in all classes throughout the year and is easily integrated within the Australian Curriculum.

In the program there are four ‘Focus Areas’.

1. The Right to be Safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective Strategies

The program has been developed with the student’s wellbeing and diversity of cultural differences in mind.

If you wish to know more about the program and the specific topics taught for your child’s grade level, please see your child’s class teacher. Thank you.
Cybersafety
Our students are the adults of the future and many of the jobs they will be doing are not even invented yet! At Benedict Campus our students use Information Technology (IT) on a daily basis. Whether it be Interactive Whiteboards (IWB), iPads, laptops, BYOD’s (Year 7’s), or desktop computers, IT is everywhere. Our staff incorporate IT within their daily lessons and activities.

Cybersafety is part of our student’s learning and we take it very seriously. Students are constantly taught and reminded of the importance of keeping safe whilst on the computer. For our older students in particular, this is a necessity. All internet usage is monitored carefully during lessons and students have strict guidelines to adhere to when on the web.

If you would like to learn more about how to keep your child safe on the internet and avoid the many hazards found on there, the Parents and Friends of St Mark’s College have organised SAPOL to come and do a session at the BGC next Monday evening at 7pm on ‘Cyberbullying and Sexting’ – two very topical and important internet problems that we are definitely not immune to!

Thank you to all those who have assisted in any way during this term within the school. Your time and effort is very much appreciated. Thank you also to those who have offered advice or solutions to issues that have arisen. Being part of the solution has benefits for all!

I trust and hope that the upcoming holidays will be both refreshing and filled with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 2.

God’s blessings,

Kylie Smith,
Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus

Junior Primary Learning Centre Tour

On Friday we welcomed visitors from some of the local Kindergartens and Childcare Centres. Educators from Risdon Park South Kindergarten, Kingston Road Early Learning and Kinder and Port Pirie West Children’s Centre joined us for a tour of our newly established Junior Primary Learning Centres. The discussion centred around the philosophies that underpin the learning environment and the development of 21st Century learning skills. The visiting educators also took a look into some Middle and Upper Primary classrooms to see how these philosophies have influenced the learning environments we create for our older students. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and the children from Reception to Year 2 certainly enjoyed seeing some familiar faces from their time at Kindergarten.

Jenna Howell,
Junior Primary Coordinator - Benedict Campus

Quicksmart

QuickSmart is up and running again this year and students have been working hard to get into the routine of the lesson. Mrs van de Water and Mrs Malchow are working with 13 students to help them improve fluency in basic mathematics. QuickSmart helps students build confidence and resilience as mathematical learners. All students on the program have already displayed good attitude, an increase in their accuracy, knowledge and understanding of the program and an improvement in their automaticity (quick) and accurate (smart) recall.

We look forward to seeing even greater results as they continue the program during the year.

Parents and Friends Movie Night

Thursday 14 April in the Good Samaritan Hall

Movie starts at 7pm
$5 donation for entry

Wear your onesie or pj’s, grab your beanbag, teddy or pillow pet and come along and enjoy a fun night!

Chips and Pop Tops for sale.
From the Deputy Principal

Salesian House
On Monday night our boarders ventured off site for bowling adventure. The teams took time carefully selecting the right ball, eager to get their technique right. The games began and hidden talents emerged. For some of us the bumpers went up and the laughter began. Mr Hay topped the leader board, his second year in a row... he tells the boarders he only bowls once a year... I’m not so convinced, his strike rate was exceptional. Close on his tail was Tom Kelly, Luke Klinger and Tom Hill each winning their own lanes. Tash Williams led the way for the girls, 3 strikes in a row, she was unstoppable and up there with the best. There was time to shoot hoops and play a few rounds of air hockey before indulging in a few treats on the way home. The evening was a great ‘family night’ out with their home away from home.

Cyber Safety, Social Media and Online Reputations
This Friday all students will participate in a gender based workshop targeted at Cyber Safety, Social Media and Online Reputation Management. The session will be facilitated by our Pastoral Care Team and will tackle important issues such as sexting, grooming, online safety and the everlasting digital footprint. Students will be both guided and challenged as they explore the power and great responsibility that comes with growing up in the digital age.

The aim of the session is to educate our young people about how choices they make in the online world can impact their lives now and in the future. It is our hope that students leave the session feeling informed and empowered to make positive choices.

This session will be followed up with a parent information evening which has been organised by our Parents and Friends. The session will take place Monday 11 April in the Bishop Gallagher Centre at 7pm and will be facilitated by SAPOL. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Year 8-11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Early next term we will embark on our first round of Parent Teacher interviews. This is a unique opportunity for families to connect with their child’s teachers and open a dialogue about learning, progress and support. All parents are strongly encouraged to meet with their child’s teachers even if there is no recommendation.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 11 May from 4-6pm. For these interviews we continue to use our new internet-based booking system Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). This system allows parents to book interview times from any device that has internet access. The program will also highlight which teachers have requested an interview. An Information flyer about ‘Parent Teacher Online’ and how to log in and make appointments will be included in your child’s school report. This yellow flyer will also contain your families’ specific log in name and password. For those families who have provided the school with an email address, this information along with the direct PTO link will also be emailed to you. If you do not receive this email, please check your ‘Junk Mail’ inbox as your email filter may have placed it there.

If you encounter any problems using PTO or are unable to access the internet from home, please contact the Bosco Administration Office and they will be able to book interview times on your behalf.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bosco Parent Teacher Interviews next term.

Uniform
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Winter Uniform:
A reminder to students and parents that we transition to the College Winter uniform in Week 3 of next term. The final day of Summer uniform is Friday 13 May.

I would suggest that your sons and daughters try on their uniforms well before returning for Term 2, as many will have physically changed since last year.

If there is confusion about the uniform requirements for winter please refer to the uniform brochure located on the College website.
Images of each item and how they should be worn can be found in our Uniform Brochure. As the cooler months begin to set in I remind families that we now have a College blazer available to all. Students from Year 8-12 have the option of purchasing and wearing this uniform item.

**NAPLAN Approaches**

Early next term our Year 9 students will participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students on Tuesday 10 May - Thursday 12 May. At Bosco Campus the tests will be conducted each morning. Students who are absent will have the opportunity to sit the tests on Friday 13 May.

English and Mathematics teachers are working closely with students to ensure that they are well prepared and confident in their own abilities. The results of the tests will provide important information to our teachers about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

It is important for parents and students to remember that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test and is designed to illustrate the range of student performance across Australia. As a parent you will receive a report later in the year indicating your child’s level of achievement.

I wish our Year 9 students all the best as they enter into their last phase of NAPLAN and encourage them to take pride in what they know.

**Report Distribution**

On Friday 15 April (the last day of term) all Year 8-12 students will receive a Term Academic Report. This document will provide parents key insights into their child’s learning and progress. The report will be distributed following the dismissal blessing at 12:30pm. I encourage parents to use this report as an opportunity to sit down with your child and discuss their progress and effort, and help them set new goals for the new term. The power of this discussion and goal setting cannot be underestimated and is particularly meaningful for students, when they share this with others. Absent students will be provided their report on the first day back in Term 2.

As the term comes to a close I take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful break. May it be a time of reflection and renewal. I look forward to the term ahead which commences on Tuesday 3 May.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

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Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for our Bosco Easter Raffle. House Leaders Sam, Ashleigh, Angus and Sophie created beautiful hampers which were awarded to the lucky winners. All funds raised went to Project Compassion.

Bosco students were treated to the second ‘A Day on the Pavement’ with the band Headstrong entertaining students during their lunch break. Headstrong is made up of Year 10 students Riley, Stanley and Simon.

Our Year 12 Physics students designed and made their own catapults and had fun testing their ability to shoot a tennis ball over a set distance using different launching angles.
What’s been happening at the Trade Skills Centre?

Our Year 11 and 12 Trade Skills Centre students have been busy this term completing training in Automotive Engineering and Machine Operation.

Joel Head, Manager Agriculture/Trade Skills Centre
Around the College

Year 10 Art

Our Year 10 Art students created Folio Covers which were "An exploration of the principles of art through the repetition of a single object"

Megan Congdon, Year 10 Art Teacher

News in Special Education

This term has once again been very busy and productive. The Support Programs are now in full swing with our wonderful and hardworking ESO’s. Children have been participating in the Rainbow Reading with Lyn Howell. Multi Lit is in full swing. The coordinators for this program are: Michelle Malchow and Lyn Howell. There are three strands covered in this program: Word Attack skills (phonics), Sight Words and Reinforced Reading (reading of connected text).

Last year we introduced Mini-lit with our Year 1 and Year 2 students. Once again this year Hannah Lavis is the coordinator of this wonderful programme.

The purpose of this program is to teach the basics of reading. There are two levels in this program:

- **Level 1**: Teaching the basics of letter/sound knowledge and decoding skills for CVC words
- **Level 2**: Extending word attack knowledge by teaching commonly used digraphs and longer words

Lessons comprise of three main components:

- Sounds and Words Activities
- Text Reading
- Story Book Reading

The Learning Assistance program also started three weeks ago with the support of Mary Higginbottom. This year we have over 30 students attending this program and we have 16 amazing and supportive helpers working with our students. We have three new LAP volunteers this year which is fantastic.

If you have concerns about your child’s progress, please speak with the class teacher.

Louise Richards, Special Education Teacher - Benedict Campus
Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival 2016

Last Friday 1 April, seventy St Mark’s students were selected to represent the College in the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival held at Port Lincoln. These students were selected by finishing first or second at our Bosco Sport’s Day held earlier in the term.

We boarded the buses on Thursday 31 March to begin the long journey to Port Lincoln and students were billeted out with St Joseph’s families on Thursday night. This was a fantastic opportunity for the St Mark’s team and many new friendships were formed.

The day was well contested, in breezy conditions at Ravendale, and the scores were neck and neck throughout the day. St Mark’s were narrowly behind St Joseph’s with only the prestigious relays to go. Although the team pulled together to win several of the relays, St Jo’s held their lead to win the day overall, with St Mark’s only 37 points behind. A monumental effort considering our team was not at full strength.

St Mark’s won the U14 and U16 age group shield, and several students from the College were crowned individual age group champions and runner up age group champion. Congratulations to Eden Smith, Jai Thornton, Merina Caputo and Hannah Bentley (champions) and Rick Ireland and Jake Noble (runners up).

Each team member competed with pride and determination in all their events. The team supported each other in the tough times, and the way each student represented their school was something they should all be very proud of.

Congratulations to you all!

Jesslyn Oxford,
Sports Coordinator - Bosco Campus
SMC Hockey

A keen and enthusiastic group of players eagerly await the start of the Junior Hockey season which begins on the weekend of Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May.

We have nominated teams in all grades and have coaches for:

U12 Boys – Lucy Wood, U9 Red- Cassidy Manfield and Keely Clonan, U9 Blue – John Leske,
U9 Gold – Nadine Chivell.

We thank these coaches for generously volunteering their time to coach a team this season.

Registration Instructions

The process of emailing instructions to all parents has begun. Please follow the following instructions to register your child online. This is a process that can’t be avoided, and must be completed prior to the first game. **If your child is not registered, they cannot play.** Thanks to those parents that have already completed the process!

Please use the following link to register your child with Hockey SA for Season 2016 before the first game (6 and 7 May). [https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/31/org/login](https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/31/org/login)

Once you have accessed this website follow the steps below:

Click on Registration across the top, Select Associations - Pt Pirie & District Hockey Association, Select Club - St Marks. Then click on REGISTER. To register, please select the subscription that is relevant to your child (U9/Juniors), click next and fill out the required information.

**Jesslyn Oxford,**
SMC Hockey Coordinator

SMC Netball

The beginning of the Netball season is fast approaching.

Teams were published at the end of last week and all teams have begun training. Coaches will advise their teams if they will be providing training sessions in the holidays. A reminder that the Association Grading Committee still needs to approve the nominated grades at a meeting on Monday 11 April.

Please note that players are expected to communicate with coaches as early as possible if for some valid reason they are unable to play or train. It becomes quite problematic if coaches do not get reasonable notice that players are unavailable.

I would like to thank the Junior and Senior Committees and acknowledge the enormous amount of work that had gone into setting up the season.

Last week we held a successful coaches night to refresh our understanding of the role and responsibility of coaches, players and parents. Each coach has a copy of the St Mark’s Sports Council Code of Conduct. They will be making players and families aware of that code during the netball seasons.

Netball Australia has put a number of new rules in place for the 2016 season. It is important that all players, coaches and umpires familiarise themselves with these rules. A series of Youtube clips have been put out to explain the new rules. These videos can be viewed from the following link: [http://netball.com.au/new-rules-easily-explained-in-series-of-videos/](http://netball.com.au/new-rules-easily-explained-in-series-of-videos/)

Finally a reminder that the season commences on the final weekend of the school holidays April 30. I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable season.

**Katie Pole,**
SMC Netball Coordinator

ATTENTION
Sports Coaches and Team Managers of SMC Sports

Volunteer Induction is mandatory for all Coaches and Managers of St Mark’s teams.

The Induction session will be held for all Coaches and Managers on 5 May at 5.30pm in the Good Samaritan Hall (Benedict Campus)

Congratulations to our SAPSASA Swimming students Fergus, Matthew, Katie, Scarlet and Jack.

St Mark’s Sport proudly sponsored by alsanto constructions
SMC Sporting Teams - Inclement Weather

To all Parents/Caregivers/Coaches and Students,

With winter sports in progress there will be times when bad weather may effect training. When the weather is looking inclement it is advisable that alternative arrangements are made. Please ensure students are aware of the alternative arrangements. (ie catch bus or wait to be picked up) if training is cancelled.

Coaches have to provide supervision of the students in their team. If coaches are going to cancel training they must inform the school between 2.30pm-2.45pm. Benedict Campus - 86324733 and Bosco Campus - 86388812 or 86388815.

If coaches have not cancelled by 2.45pm then they need to come out to training to ensure that students are not left unattended. Coaches need to stay with students until a parent/caregiver is contacted and collects them.

Coaches may need to reinforce these details to all players in their teams.

Year 11 Food and Hospitality

Nathan and Jesse (left) along with Riley and Reid (right) were hard at work in the kitchen during their Year 11 Food and Hospitality class last week. Students were required to make a variety of croquettes to complete their Practical Assessment for Catering.

Jesse, Nathan and Ashleigh taste testing their croquettes.

Notices

Make A Wish Fun Run/Walk
On Sunday 1 May 2016. Entry forms available from Intersport Port Pirie or you can register online. Make A Wish appreciate and value your wonderful continued support.

Tarpari Wellbeing Day
On Wednesday 20 April 2016 from 10am to 2pm at Memorial Park, Port Pirie. Health and career information, activities and workshops for the whole family, free BBQ and entertainment. www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/Tarpari

Port Football and Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 10.00am