We are celebrating Catholic Education Week and praying for our Bishop. We are proud of our Anzacs, have songs in our heart and recognise the importance of parents.

Catholic Education Week
The College has planned to join with the network of Catholic schools in the Port Pirie diocese to celebrate the special character of our vision for learning and our faith filled community life. We are involved in activities that connect us with the other schools and throughout the week we will be especially conscious of what we value and how we do things. There will be sacred experiences and fun moments. There will be assembly and games, creativity and formality. There will be an expression of our values by most symbolically decorating classroom doors as we embrace the theme of ‘Opening doors to love and mercy’. We are truly blessed to be in our school and this week celebrates it.

A message from our Director
Throughout the diocese of Port Pirie we are privileged to celebrate Catholic education. Each and every day I see countless examples of students, teachers, support staff, volunteers, parents and parishioners putting their faith into action, living our Catholic values, opening doors of mercy and celebrating who we are as a Catholic community. Catholic Education Week is a time to pause and ‘give thanks’ for the efforts of so many who enrich our schools in and across the Diocese of Port Pirie.

Last year, Pope Francis announced his intention to proclaim a holy year as a way for the church to “make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy”. Pope Francis invites us “to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure.”

Reflecting this Gospel call (to receive the mercy of God), Catholic schools strive to provide a learning experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to be witnesses of mercy. The theme has been chosen to provide Catholic schools with a vehicle to showcase and celebrate the high quality, innovative work they do, while highlighting their holistic philosophy of education and their responding call to mercy.

Catholic Education Week is an annual event and opportunity to share with gratitude what happens in our Catholic Schools with the wider community. I encourage staff, parents and friends to take a few moments to visit our Catholic Education – Diocese of Port Pirie website and learn more about our schools; our students, staff and educational communities: www.cesapp.catholic.edu.au
I wish everyone a happy, life giving and merciful Catholic Education Week 2016.

Warm regards,
Brenda Keenan,
Director of Catholic Education
Port Pirie Diocese

Our Bishop
Our Bishop, Greg O’Kelly, has recently been diagnosed with cancer and has had an operation to remove it. It has taken us all by surprise as is a characteristic of the dreaded scourge of cancer. It seems that he will be okay. At the moment our Bishop is undergoing treatment and will convalesce with the Jesuit community at Sevenhill. The Bishop has been told not to go to work and somehow they are managing to keep him on light duties. However, the nature of the Bishop is one of independence and he is very concerned about the welfare of the diocese and has contacted us at St Mark’s on a number of occasions to check on things. We extend our best wishes to this wonderful man and offer our prayers for his full recovery.

It was a real highlight to have Catholic school teacher and children’s composer Andrew Chinn visit Benedict Campus to entertain the students with uplifting workshops, singing and dancing.
KEY DATES

Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation
10am at St Mark’s Cathedral
Sunday 15 May

First Day of Winter Uniform
Monday 16 May

Bosco School Photo Day
Tuesday 17 May

Benedict School Photo Day and Family Photo Day
Wednesday 18 May

Year 8 Immunisations
Thursday 19 May

National Sorry Day
Thursday 26 May

Reconciliation Week Commences
Friday 27 May

SAPSASA Soccer Carnival
Port Pirie
Friday 27 May

ANZAC Memorial
I was very grateful to share a national moment with a number of our students on Anzac Day at the Dawn Service at the War Memorial. A huge number of people from Port Pirie attended and we had our students in uniform with their parents reverently in the background. We were greeted by St Mark’s grandfather and RSL President Haydn Madigan who directed our students to a simple involvement in the ceremony. He calmly welcomed our school leaders to be part of the service. The experience was about offering a sense of reverence and honour and I was so pleased that so many of our students were there. The students got to read biographies of fallen Port Pirie residents. Men and women lost 100 years ago. We heard a snippet of a life and we got a sense of the preciousness of young lives and the importance of a contribution for a national cause in a foreign land. We became quiet and reflective, grateful and proud. The students read ‘Lest we forget’ and we quietly committed ourselves not to forget. Each story meant a red poppy placed in honour. There were too many poppies, too much sacrifice. The children stood to attention at our national anthem, heard ‘the ode’, a strange poem that made the grandparents’ eyes misty and we watched a military tradition, learning ritual and symbolism, seeing that history has resonance and our community is important. Lest we forget.

On Parent Engagement and Happy Mothers’ Day
To begin the term our teaching staff gathered with Parent Federation Executive Director Ann Bliss. We spent a day speaking about the critical relationship we share with parents. We spoke about the deep hope a parent brings to the College and the powerfully advocacy that they have for their child. We spoke about our support of the joys and sometime turbulent pathway that parents have in learning to be a parent. My sense was a renewed commitment to work well with families and to work with wisdom. Part of the discussion that I shared with some teachers was their preparation for Mothers’ Day. One teacher spoke about a class discussion on what happens in those last moments of a day when a child is put to bed. It was truly inspiring to hear. This most powerful and precious moment is spent tucking them in tight, chatting with smiling eyes, reassuring safety, affirming specialness and giving little ones a sense of love and certainty. It means so much to the children. They spoke proudly of what happens. And it probably happens with the big ones as well. I guess that sometimes you can get into the bedroom over all the mess, move the iPhone aside and look at them with the same smiling eyes. Parenting is a blessing. We learn to love powerfully and to be humble all at the same time. Thank you mothers and stick with it dads.

Andrew Chinn Opens Hearts
Our Benedict community had a chance for an extraordinarily creative experience last week. Catholic school teacher and children’s composer, Andrew Chinn, brought the Good Samaritan Hall alive with movement and singing. It was a time of joy and laughter, faithfulness and stamping enthusiasm. You should have heard them! After a day of workshops with each year level, Andrew assembled the groups for a combined concert. During the day he had taught them songs and actions. They had responded at first quietly and then became caught up in his energy and excitement and they enjoyed rhythms and lyrics, repetitive actions and clapping. They grew in confidence as a group and a special choir even emerged to lead us at the microphone. It became such fun, so exciting. When it translated into the concert they created a wonderful noise in song and a unified smile. Andrew is funny and full of surprises. Our children are innocent and full of enthusiasm. It was an excellent concert of musical noise and chorus. They were still humming on the way home!

St Mark’s to the Games
The sporting fields of Port Pirie were filled last weekend as winter sport began. Children in blue, red and yellow chased balls and scored goals. They began to form teams and learn skills. They chased and chased. Some triumphed. St Mark’s to the Games!

St Mark’s to the Games!
Happy Mothers’ Day
And we start to a season. It wouldn’t happen without them. Our young people are learning so much. Go St Mark’s, it’s all started again.

Greg Hay,
Principal
Religious Education

Andrew Chinn
Our Term began with a real highlight in Andrew Chinn’s visit. Andrew presented some engaging and uplifting workshops and a whole Campus concert at the end. I have heard many stories of students sharing the experience at home and have also seen students singing and dancing in the yard. Andrew Chinn provides many valuable resources for us to use within our school community and to have him visit was a real highlight.

Catholic Education Week
Next week is Catholic Education week for the Port Pirie Diocese. As a Diocese many events are held to celebrate the uniqueness and all that is good about our Catholic schools. Many events are planned to celebrate. It is a busy week with school photographs as well, so a table of events for the two campuses is below. Please contact your child’s Class or Caregroup Teacher with any queries.

Year 7 Confirmation
Our Year 7 students have been busy completing their Sacramental program for Confirmation. It has been a real pleasure to see the way that each child has engaged with the program and responded so thoughtfully to each part. I particularly enjoyed hearing the stories of student service programs and the initiatives different groups of students implemented. This Friday was the Retreat day for the final intensive preparations. We look forward to the celebrations on Sunday and wish all our candidates God’s blessing on this milestone step in their faith journey.

Congratulations to all of our Confirmation candidates:

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

Benedict School Photos and Family Photos on Wednesday 18 May (Week 3 - Term 2)

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

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

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

- Please note NO CHANGE will be available from Benedict or Bosco Office so please have the correct money/credit card details placed in your child’s envelope.

Family Photos will be held in the Good Samaritan Hall (Benedict Campus) on Wednesday 18 May.

Family photo envelopes are available from Benedict or Bosco Office.

Some Benedict only family photos may be taken before lunch if the schedule permits.

Family Photo times:
1.40-1.50pm photos for families with surname beginning A-Z
1.50-2.15pm photos for families with surname beginning M-Z

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

Welcome back to Term 2! The term has started smoothly, with classes settling into familiar routines quickly with great enthusiasm. We have many events ahead in the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating these as a community.

Andrew Chinn

Andrew Chinn visited our school last week. He presented a number of workshops to our junior, middle and upper primary students and the day ended in a concert for the whole school community. Andrew commended our students on their behaviour and engagement. The way our students conduct themselves at events and excursions is something that we can be very proud of as a College community.

School Photos

Next Wednesday 18 May is school photo day for Benedict Campus. Students must all be in full winter uniform. Jumpers need to be worn in the photo and normal expectations apply for hair and jewellery. All students must bring along their photo form on the day regardless of whether or not they are purchasing a photo. Family photographs for the whole College will be taken that afternoon.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing for all Year 3, 5, and 7 students was held at school this week. Students are tested on reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. This assessment offers a snapshot of their skills at a particular moment in time. The information gathered from these assessments helps inform teaching and complements the range of ways teacher’s measure student’s growth and development. I thank the Year 3, 5 and 7 teachers for their work in preparing our students to participate in the test conditions.

Uniform

This week sees the end of our 2 week transition period where students can opt to wear summer or winter uniform. From next week (Week 3), full winter uniform is to be worn by all students.

The School has confirmed that our school uniform will change to winter uniform from next Monday (16 May). Uniform details are detailed on the next page. 

Winter Sports

Our winter sports are all underway for the 2016 season. It was great to see so many enthusiastic first time players and returning players take to the field or court over the last 2 weekends. My thanks to all those who are involved in the organisation of our College sports teams in a multitude of ways that enables our teams to play each week and the seasons to unfold smoothly.

Confirmation

This weekend our Year 7 Confirmation Candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St Mark’s Cathedral during the 10:30 Mass. Our congratulations to all of them. I would like to acknowledge the input of our Year 7 teachers in implementing the formation program in readiness for the sacrament.

Catholic Education Week

Week 3 is our Port Pirie Diocese ‘Catholic Education Week’. This initiative has the intent of ‘putting our Catholic Schools on the map’. During this week, we celebrate what it means to be Catholic and special events are organised within individual schools to highlight this. Here at St Mark’s we will be opening our Doors of Mercy on Monday after recess. On Tuesday we have a ‘Port Pirie Switches Off’ event and casual clothes day. On the Friday we will be travelling to the Cathedral for a whole campus Mass at 10am followed by recess in the park

Katie Pole,
Acting Deputy Principal - Benedict Campus
Deputy Principal’s Award

Deputy Principal’s Award Certificates were presented for demonstrating an ability to get along with others at our end of Term 1 Assembly. Congratulations to:

Chiamaka Onwuchekwa
Liam Wright
Bailey Ferme
Cruz Salvemini
Emily Court
Kallie Mellow
Oscar Chivell
Jack Hurst
Cooper Ferme
Cohen Amato
Ashley Wulf
Ava Amato
Lara Mellow
Jazlyn McBride
Noah Gebert
Declan Taylor
Luke Fowler
Chloe Davidson
Edyn Manfield
Samuel Burgess
Tiarnah Pisani-Yuke

PE Clothes Day

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A reminder the 2nd PE Day should suit the majority training night not the day you want to do extra fitness. Those who have training on a day that is not PE clothes day will need to change after school.

Andrew Chinn Concert

Reception Blue Comments

My favourite part was when I went out the front with Zak. Lexi
I like the walking out the door song. Mia
I liked all the songs! Blake and Cooper
My most favourite part was when I got up on the stage to dance and sing. Lukas
I liked the bit when I was going on the thing with Lincoln and we were dancing on stage. Baden
I liked going up on the stage. Amarli
I liked when we shuffled out the door! Chiamaka
I loved it when the man was being silly. Elise
I liked when he sang the nothing song. Zak
I liked when people were being a fish. Connor
I liked the song where he sings ‘going out the door’. Brendan
I like the nothing song. Cooper

From the Junior Primary Coordinator

With our 2016 Reception students happily settled into the school environment, focus has turned to our 2017 Reception student transition.

With the assistance of the Risdon Park South Kindergarten staff we are looking to build upon our current transition processes to best support the needs of our young learners.

We recognise the importance of the partnerships between the Kindergarten setting and our College and continue to strive to develop these relationships so that we can best support the newest members of our school community and their families.

Jenna Howell,
Junior Primary Coordinator - Benedict Campus
From the Deputy Principal

The first two weeks of Term 2 have been rich. Despite the recent cooler weather and realization of another holiday period ending, there was much excitement as the students connected with their friends, teachers and College community again. They settled back into their classes quickly, with renewed energy and focus, setting new learning goals for the term ahead.

PT Interviews
At the beginning of the term we gathered as a staff with a focus on Parent Engagement. Ann Bliss, the Executive Director of The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities reminded us about the importance of ongoing communication and creating an effective partnership between the home and school. Parent Teacher Interviews are just one formal way that we open the lines of communication and begin those important conversations about learning and progress. I would like to express my gratitude to all our families who attended this important evening on Wednesday. Despite the cool autumn weather, the evening was well attended and continued to enable supportive, focused conversations regarding student’s learning progress. We are grateful for your ongoing commitment to working closely in partnership with us.

Anzac Day Dawn Service
During the holiday break our College Captains Eve and Patrick as well as Year 10 leaders Riley Hunt and Eden Smith attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Memorial Gates. Captain Laxton shared the story of his great, great grandfather, reflecting on his ultimate sacrifice, and what that means to him today. The service was well attended and a wonderful tribute to our fallen veterans. Patrick and later that morning Riley led the student prayer reverently, inviting all of us to be united in prayer, as we remember those who have suffered from war. Our Captains from both Benedict and Bosco shared narratives of the locals who served our country. For our leaders, it was an honour to attend and be part of this service.

Philippines Immersion 2017
Last Friday we launched the Philippines Immersion for 2017. We invited students from Year 9 and 10 to consider participating in the social justice experience of a lifetime. The Philippines Immersion is now in its 3rd year and continues to grow momentum, with each group returning with memories and stories that will touch their hearts for many years to come.
At the launch, students were provided with a brief information booklet outlining some of the essentials that might help families discern their child’s participation in the Immersion. An information evening will be held for parents in Week 8 on Tuesday June 21. At this session parents will get the opportunity to see a snapshot of the experience available to their child, hear firsthand from students who were part of the Immersion in 2015 and ask all important questions about the itinerary, safety and finance. I encourage any families who are considering the Immersion to attend the information evening. If families have any questions leading into this session please do not hesitate to make contact. Students have been invited to like the 2015 Philippine Immersion Facebook Page to gain further insight into the types of experiences they will have.

Peer Learning
Last term staff began a process of peer mentoring. They were invited to work with a colleague to conduct reciprocal classroom visits and provide feedback about teaching and learning. Staff were asked to select one area of their practice to be observed, these lesson goals were aligned with the AITSL teacher standards. Some staff chose to seek feedback regarding differentiation, catering for the diverse learning needs, content delivery, effective use of technology for feedback, clarity of assessment and much more. This week we gathered as a collective to share our experiences and discuss best practice. Staff openly talked about the successes and challenges of peer feedback. It was quite a powerful experience. Moving forward we will continue to build our peer to peer mentoring and observation practice. We have a vision around incorporating student feedback into this process, allowing teachers to purposefully select areas of refinement and improvement.

Flinders University Visit
Our partnerships with the Universities continues to grow as more information sessions were held for students last week. This one was facilitated by Flinders University. Students were given the opportunity to hear about different courses offered as well as how the Universities operate. Questions were asked and they were clarified, students left with a little more information and a little more discerning to do. Later this term Uni SA will come up to conduct a similar presentation for students and families. It is our goal to ensure that students are well informed and educated beyond school life.

Important Dates to Note
As we begin the new term I would like to draw your attention to the following important dates. Please see the table on the next page.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus
Attention:
Parents/Caregivers of Year 10 students

Please note that your child’s Work Experience placement is in Week 10 of this term. The majority of students have organised this and returned their forms to me. Well done!

Unfortunately, there are still a number of students who have not organised their work placement. This is a compulsory part of the their SACE under the PLP subject for next term.

If your child is having trouble with organising a placement, have a talk with them about their interests and strengths and what might be a good placement for them. They then must contact an employer to show their interest and desire to do a work placement with them. Once the employer has agreed to take on your child, get them to complete their section of the Workplace Agreement Form (which your child should have AND was emailed out to you), then return it to me as soon as possible.

If you have any further queries about this activity, please contact me at the school.

Simone Atkinson,
Student Pathways Co-ordinator

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Important Dates

**First Day Winter Uniform - Monday 16 May**

**Bosco Photo Day - Tuesday 17 May.**
Family photos will be taken at Benedict on Wednesday. Students are expected to be in Full Winter uniform on Photo Day.

**Casual Day/Bosco Switches Off (power that is) Thursday 19 May.**
Students are invited to wear casual clothes and bring in a gold coin donation for the Catholic Missions or a blanket for the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal.

**Year 8 Immunisations - Thursday 19 May.**

**Campus Assembly (Academic Effort Awards) - Friday 20 May, 12.40pm, Bosco Gym.**
Students receiving awards will be notified early next week. They will be expected to be in Winter Uniform for this occasion.

**Year 12 Drama Production ‘Lord of the Flies’ – Monday 30 May and Wednesday 1 June at 7pm in the BGC.**
Bosco students and families are invited to attend. No bookings required.

**Year 8/9 9-Aside Carnival (all Year 8 and 9 students attend) - Wednesday 1 June at Senate Road Park.**
Parents are welcome to come and watch the carnival.

**Year 10 Student Work Experience Safety Induction – Wednesday 8 June in Lessons 4-6, BGC.**
All Year 10’s to attend.

**Year 11 RAP Program (all Year 11’s attend) - Wednesday 8 June in Lesson 1-3, BGC.**
All Year 11’s to attend.

**Uni SA Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 8 June at 7pm, Bosco Centre.**
All welcome.

**Uni SA Student Information Sessions - Year 10 and 12, Wednesday 15 June at 9am and 10am respectively.**

**Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 15 June from 4pm to 6.30pm.**
Appointments made online through PTO. An email with the link will be distributed in Week 5 when the site is active for parents.

**Year 11 Exams – Friday 17 June - Thursday 23 June.**
A letter will come home in the coming weeks explaining the process and protocol. This will include an Exam timetable.

**Year 11 Retreat - Friday 24 June.**
Attendance on all school Retreats is compulsory. Absences will be followed up.

**Year 10 Exams - Wednesday 22 June - Friday 24 June.**
Students attend school as normal. Exams will take place in and around normal lessons. A letter outlining process and expectations, along with an Examination timetable will come home to families in the coming weeks.

**Semester 2 begins - Monday 27 June.**
Timetables distributed to students on the Monday during Caregroup.

**R-12 Mass and Activities Afternoon – Friday 1 July in the GSH.**
Parents welcome to attend.

**Year 10 Work Experience - Monday 4 July to Friday 8 July.**
No Year 10’s on Campus, all offsite participating in Work Experience. Students are expected to arrange their own placement.

**Year 12 Retreat - Wednesday 6 July to Friday 8 July at Port Hughes.**
All Year 12’s to attend.

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**Careers and Employment Expo**

The Careers and Employment Expo is being held in Jubilee Pavilion in the Adelaide Showgrounds. The Expo promotes a wide range of post school options, and it’s free!

Go to www.eocexpo.com.au for more information.

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Scholarships Applications Now Open!

Scholarship applications are now open for current and new students starting Year 8 or Year 11 in 2017.

The College is offering eight scholarships, with a focus on academic achievement, leadership, creative arts, agriculture, sporting endeavor and involvement in community life. This year the College has introduced two new scholarships - Agriculture and Boarding.

Year 11 student, Ebony Bennier who was awarded the Bosco Scholarship in 2015 said that winning the scholarship was a great motivation to always do her best. “Knowing that my school believes in me makes me strive to always do my very best,” said Ebony. “I was surprised to be awarded the scholarship and my family were so proud of this achievement.”

Year 8 student and Hip Hop Bounce dancer, Lucinda Smallacombe was awarded the Creative Arts Scholarship in 2015. Enthusiastically dancing for over 10 hours each week in a variety of lessons, Lucinda somehow manages to fit her studies amongst her talents including jazz, ballet, hip hop and cheer. Lucinda said “I was really proud of myself for winning the scholarship, it has allowed me to take on extra dance classes which I really love.”

The Bosco, Creative Arts, Agriculture, Boarding and Indigenous scholarships are open for application until 30 May 2016.

For further information, visit: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships or phone the College on 8633 8600.

Baking at Benedict Campus

Year 3 Green students made ANZAC biscuits in the Good Samaritan Hall as a part of their History studies.
**New Federation Ambassador**

Dear School Community

My name is Jo Court and I have agreed to become a Federation Ambassador in our school community. The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities exists to serve Catholic school parent communities like ours by promoting and supporting the role of parents in their children's learning and in the life of our school communities. The Federation also advocates for adequate government funding to keep our excellent schools affordable.

By becoming a Federation Ambassador, I have agreed to:
- to promote the role of the Federation to you, and
- liaise with our school to ensure information I receive from the Federation is passed on to you via our school's usual communication channels.

I invite you to do one or all of the following:
- Check out the Federation’s website at [www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au)
- Like the Federation on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)
- Tell the federation what's important to you so it can be your voice ([www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/the-parent-voice/prepare-your-say](http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/the-parent-voice/prepare-your-say))

Be connected, Be Informed and Be Heard!

Yours in the spirit of partnership

Jo Court,
Federation Ambassador

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**ATTENTION PARENTS, DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS?**

If you have recently changed your mobile number or email address it is very important that you notify the College.

We require your up to date contact details to ensure you do not miss out on important school correspondence or urgent messages.

Please contact the Bosco Student Office on 86 33-8801 or Benedict Office on 86 33-8802 to advise us of changes or to check your details on file are correct.

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**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Students in Year 2 Blue wrote their Mums a special letter for Mothers Day!**

Dear Mum,

I want to tell you how much you mean to me. I love it when you kiss me. I love it when you hold my hand. You make me laugh very much and that makes me happy. Thank you for helping me to be good. You cheer me up! Lots and lots and lots of love,

Lachie

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Dear Mum,

I want to tell you how much you mean to me. You have a gentle heart that touches my heart. You talk to me when I am sad. You make me feel special. You will be the best person in my family, and the world….. in the universe! You hold my hand when unexpected. You are the best!!!. Your face is so beautiful. Mum you give me joy when you are near me. Please write back. Love from,

Charlie W

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Dear Mum,

I want to tell you how much you mean to me always! Mum you've got a kind heart. I love you when you smile at me with lots of love. I love you to the moon and back. I love you so much that I can talk to you. You are the best ever. I love your smile so much. I love you because you listen to me and help me read and do a lot of things. You help me do homework. I know you love me. I will love you forever! Love from,

Charlie K

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Dear Mum,

I want to tell you how much you mean to me. Mum, you make me laugh with your funny faces. Mum I am so lucky to have a mum like you. Mum you cheer me up. Mum you're one of a kind and no one can take that away. You're the best mum a girl could ask for. Mum when you're with me I feel such joy. You're the best of all! Please write back. Love always,

Ariel

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Dear Mum,

I want to tell you how much you mean to me. Mum you are so gentle and kind and loving. You read heaps of books to me at night. When I have a nightmare you let me sleep in your bed. Mum you are the kindest most loving mum in the world! You cook me tea and lunch every day. Mum you are the best! You make me feel like you are holding my hand when you are not. Please write back. Love, Jacob
It was a cold wet start to the Soccer Season, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of our young Soccer players.

In what was very typical soccer weather, the first round of games got off to a cold and damp start last Saturday morning. This however did not dampen the enthusiasm of our students many of whom were playing for the first time.

Our Reception students participated in a great development program run by the association. The program is aimed at developing skills and confidence and preparing the students for playing soccer games. All children participated with enthusiasm. Thank you to Matthew Hunter for running the sessions and to some of our Primary students who are helping out. Parents are also welcome to assist with sessions.

We have had an overwhelming response with many students registering to play soccer for the College this season. In particular in the Under 8s, where numbers are looking extremely healthy. We have registered 13 teams, a total of about 145 players which is exceptional.

Thank you to all coaches who have volunteered their time this season:
Sacha Smith, Nick Capurso, Brodie Lavis, Anthony Caladrola, Sam Salvemini, Adam Saler, Vinny Degioia, Joe Amato, Marcus Amato, John Smith, Warren O’Brien, Matty Hunter, Gus Gilmour, Riley Sparks, Philip Amato. Thanks also to Ken Fay, Damian Introna, Anthony Spadavecchia and any other parents involved in coaching and assisting the High School teams. The College appreciates your efforts.

Players are reminded that it is your responsibility to contact the coach if you are unavailable for training or games. Programs of the season’s fixtures are available on the Port Pirie Junior Soccer web page.

Good luck to everyone for a successful season.

Pia Keain,
SMC Soccer Coordinator

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Sports News

SMC Hockey

The Hockey season began last weekend, with 7 out of our 8 St Mark’s teams playing their first round for 2016. We sincerely thank parents for ensuring their child was registered through the Hockey SA Website prior to playing.

Some information regarding the season is as follows:

**Hoodies**

St Mark’s Hockey Club are doing another round of orders this season for Hoodies. If you would like a Hoodie for your child, please collect an order form from the Bosco or Benedict Office.

**Sports Vouchers**

Unfortunately this season, St Mark’s Hockey Club are unable to offer Sports Vouchers to parents. We apologise for any inconvenience, as it was outlined on the registration form, however, with the introduction of the online payment and registration, this has impacted on being able to use the vouchers. We hope to be able to work with Hockey SA to be able to offer parents the opportunity to use the vouchers next season. Again we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience.

**Uniform**

A reminder that all U15 and U18 St Mark’s players must be wearing the red shorts or skorts. Thanks to those parents that have already purchased the shorts/skorts for their child. The shorts and skorts can be purchased directly from Intersport.

**State Selection**

We congratulate our U18 Boys player, Samuel Ferme, for being selected to represent South Australia in the U18 State Men’s Team. Samuel will travel to Launceston in July to compete in the championships. Well done Samuel!!

Jesslyn Oxford, SMC Hockey Coordinator

SMC students and soccer players Darcy, Anton, Kalan, Thomas and Jack were thrilled to take to the field at half-time during the recent A-League Soccer Grand Final in Adelaide to play 5 aside soccer.

The Stars of the A League Soccer Final

On the last Saturday of the April Holidays my Dad and I went to the A-League Soccer Grand Final. It was Adelaide United versus Western Sydney Wanderers. We got free tickets and we had front row seats. At half-time my friends and I were lucky enough to go on the field and play a mini-roos 5-a-side soccer game in front of 50 119 people. I scored 3 or 4 goals. My friends from St Mark’s Soccer who were in my team were Thomas Hunter, Darcy Greig, Jack DeGiaia and Anton Giancaspro.

At the end of the game, Adelaide United won 3-1 and the players came really close to us. It was awesome!

Kalan Caputo, Year 6 Blue student

SMC Sports 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 - 86338802
Bosco Campus - 86338812 or 86338815

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

Kalan Caputo, Year 6 Blue student

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Aquinas College Inc

Aquinas College is a Catholic University Residential College in Adelaide.

If you are a Year 12 student considering University studies in Adelaide for 2017 who would like to reside at Aquinas College, then you are encouraged to lodge an application online via the website www.aquinas.edu.au.

Unfortunately, each year, a number of applications submitted later in the year are unsuccessful as positions are limited.