We gathered in huge numbers on Pentecost Sunday and we opened doors with love and mercy. We celebrated a Benedict Mass and we celebrated Jubilarians. We tried to find a connection to understand the forcible removal of children from their families.

The Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation remains one of the significant liturgical moments of the school year. It is a blessing and it is a joy. We have just come together to celebrate the occasion with 52 Year 7 students and their families. Confirmation connects weeks of study, much personal reflection, hours of organisation and a parish who wishes to welcome. The Confirmation combines liturgical symbols and moments of sacredness as well as a hand from a sponsor placed on a shoulder in an intimate moment of commitment. The ceremony lasts for about two hours and yet it seemed to unfold so quickly. This year our Bishop was unwell and we were fortunate to have Vicar General, Fr Jim Monaghan and Cathedral Administrator, Father Francis Montero conduct the service. The Cathedral was packed. The priests were excellent with us. There was excitement and sacredness. There were families and singing, and a sense of the presence of the Spirit. The Year 7s looked a bit overawed, determined and committed. We were very proud of them. They were well prepared and the Confirmation experience became extraordinary as a liturgy. There was reverence and dignity. Katie Pole and the teachers did an outstanding job in preparation. Families and friends heard our 52 singing ‘Light the Way’ and were moved that these wonderful young people were really “lighting the way”, and “they were good news” just like the song they sang. Parents and grandparents were so proud and squashed into the pews and they embodied all that is important about family life and Church. They make love come alive and that helped define what Confirmation can become. It’s humbling to see the faith of a child expressed as they kneel with closed eyes in faith. I congratulate the Year 7s. They have our prayers and love. They have inspired us.

Catholic Education Week and Opening Doors

There was a symbol and an aspiration posted on every classroom door in the College last week. It could have been a beautifully decorated word ‘loving’ or a simply crafted word ‘tolerance’. There may have been 25 hand prints stuck to the door with a resolute word ‘kindness’ advertised. The door may have been a huge snakes and ladders game with the hope for ‘social justice’ displayed or it may have been a thousand colourful counters stuck in an individual mosaic about ‘forgiveness’. Each class determined their word. Each made a commitment that when their door was opened so would be hope or friendship, or mercy or trust. It was a connector that brought the College together and it was individual, personal and a response to some important reflection with a teacher. I was delighted with the creativity and the great insight that Catholic Education Week inspired. What followed our Opening Doors to Love and Mercy celebration was a series of activities and games and a chance to recognise that in a school like St Mark’s every child does really matter. Every child is important. Every child is in a great community. This week was a celebration of all that.

The Benedict Mass

The Benedict community had a chance to go down to the Cathedral for Mass as part of Catholic Education Week. It was a huge piece of logistic to get them there. There was shuffling, organisation and complex arrangement and somehow we got there and fitted snugly. It’s a huge space, a sacred space, a holy place, and our young people responded with awe and excitement as they squeezi in to find their place. There were many little bodies to fit. Some had never been in the building which is full of mystery and memories, priests and holiness, great music and prayers. For some this was the place their Baptisms,
Year 12 Drama Production
“Lord of the Flies” at 7.30pm in the Bosco BGC
Monday 30 May
Tuesday 31 May
Wednesday 1 June

Uni SA Parent Night in Bosco Centre at 7pm
Wednesday 8 June

Diocesan Leaders Conference in Port Pirie
Thursday 9 June to Friday 10 June

Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 13 June

and Confirmation and maybe last year their Reconciliation and Communion had taken place. Their Communion with God. It seemed important to be there to celebrate Catholic Education Week. It is where they belong just like they belong tearing around a school yard or sitting concentrating at a desk. It’s where they belong just like when they smile at a mate and feel grateful for friendship or a teacher helps them in a special way or they just keep going during lesson time. Just like when they sang for Andrew Chinn a few weeks ago and laughingly said ‘pick me’ and danced and chuckled or when they attended Planet Rhythm and found the beat to belong. They belong in that huge place the Cathedral and that moment in Catholic Education Week. They belong together and we prayed for friendship, lessons, tearing around, caring, singing, drumming, learning, really learning and that’s how they belonged, sitting with friends in a huge place and thinking about things. They fitted snugly and they belonged.

The Jubilarians
The Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie held a gala event at The Virtus Clubrooms to acclaim the work of a number of teachers and staff who have served Catholic Education for over 25 years. It was called the Jubilarians’ Dinner and was a night to honour the profession and to say to our Jubilarians that we are grateful for their service. There were stories told about past times and laughter about the moments on the journey. There were formal speeches and presentations and each staff member was acclaimed by a biography. As the night rolled on we began to get a sense of the significance of the contribution and the impact that these teachers had had on the lives of young people. It seemed to me a very powerful way of affirming education and expressing gratitude for the generosity and perseverance of: Marg Congdon, Robert Cronin, Shane Fantinel, Janet Haskett, Angela Jordan, Pia Keain, Louise Malchow, Rose Monaghan, John Mullin, Jane Munday, Peter Munday, Karen Murphy, Genevieve Richter.

National Sorry Day
I am very pleased that we could spend National Sorry Day with an awareness of the potential for reconciliation and support of indigenous people. We gathered for a few moments in groups all over the school. We gathered to discuss National Sorry Day and we acknowledged and remembered the Stolen Generations. We offered prayer and reflection about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who had been affected either directly or indirectly by this terrible part of our history. There were moments of quiet class commemorations to remind and raise awareness amongst students. We formed a committee to do something; to create something; to make a difference. We gained a small sense about the significance of the forcible removal policies and their impact on the children. We prayed for healing and peace. Now we want to build something, create a symbol, develop a contact point so that we can continue to reflect, acknowledge and grow in reconciliation.

Greg Hay,
Principal

Teacher Alix Schuppan and the mural she created with the students which was used as part of our prayer services during Reconciliation Week.
Religious Education

It has been a real time of celebration and sacred moments throughout the College in the last 2 weeks. We have had enormous opportunities to encounter Jesus in an intimate way through ritual, social action and community celebrations.

Confirmation
On Sunday 15 May, 52 young people celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Mark’s Cathedral. It was a beautiful ritual and a significant moment in the faith lives of those children. I would like to congratulate them on the way they responded to making such an important step in their spiritual life. Special thanks to the Year 7 teachers Toni Boulton, Kathryn Crouch, Jack Jordan, Pia Keain and Hannah Young who oversaw the program that prepares and forms the group for the celebration of the sacrament.

Opening Doors Art Competition
In the lead up to Catholic Education Week Brenda Keenan held an Art Competition on the theme of “Opening Doors of Mercy.” We had a large number of entries from Benedict Campus as part of the House Cup Challenge. Entries from different year levels were recognised at the Campus Assembly on Wednesday. Eve Clark from 7 Blue had her entry sent into the Diocesan Office as the overall winner. She is now working to re-create her work on a door that will be displayed in the Chapel for the remainder of the Year of Mercy.

Catholic Education Week
Catholic Education week gave us the opportunity to celebrate and enjoy all that we value about our school. Each classroom across the College opened a door of Mercy to begin the celebrations. Classes chose a theme that speaks of mercy to them. The door will act as a reminder of that commitment each time they move through it. Throughout the week activities were held and each campus had a casual clothes day. Funds raised totalled over $2000 to support the work of Catholic Missions. At the end of the week Benedict Campus went on a Pilgrimage, one of the key ways Catholics are marking this Jubilee year. As a campus we celebrated the Eucharist thanking God for our school when we reached our place of significance, St Mark’s Cathedral. The students’ active participation in this liturgy was a real delight to be a part of. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for the way they prepared the students for this special journey of celebration.

Jubilarian Celebrations
At the beginning of Catholic Education Week Brenda Keenan invited those who have served in Catholic Education for 25 year or more to be recognised for the dedicated service. It was wonderful for our students to be able to support this occasion forming a choir for the Mass and ushers for the Jubilarians. We thank our SMC student Aislynn Everett, Elizabeth Flink, Ebony Tizio, Scarlette Thoman, Millie Tubb, Alex Gove, Crenie Kumar and Amy Burgess who were supported by teachers Fiona Clarke, Courtney Smith and Isaac Ellis. It is wonderful that these students would give of their time on a Friday evening to recognise the outstanding efforts of these teachers.

Faith In Action
On Sunday after the 10.30am Mass Morning Tea was provided by Leo Taylor. As part of his work with YCS (Young Christian Students), Leo decided to promote awareness of Fairtrade Chocolate and Coffee as part of the World Fairtrade Challenge. I certainly enjoyed my coffee and cake after Mass while being able to support the work for Justice in the workplace throughout the world.

Baptisms
Congratulations and God’s Blessings to Mia-Lee and Mahalia Bateson who were baptised into our Parish Family on Friday 20 May in the Benedict Chapel. We also congratulate Amity Williams (Year 3) who was received into the Catholic Church community on 13 April.

Reconciliation Week
This week we marked National Sorry Day as a College to remember and recognize the Stolen Generations. We held prayer services at each campus. Bosco Campus produced a Sorry Day art work which all students were invited to contribute to. Each Campus came up with ways to visibly demonstrate their commitment to working towards reconciliation.

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

Catholic Education Week
The campus came alive for Catholic Education Week. We have taken time to remember and acknowledge the importance of Catholic Education and how it creates a unique culture. The entire Port Pirie Catholic Education Diocese shared in similar events. If you are in the school take note of the doors in each classroom. Here you will see the ways that each class group has decided to animate Mercy throughout this year. The fundraising students participated in throughout the week will support Catholic Missions.

Our Jubilarians
Friday 13 May a number of Catholic Education employees from the Cathedral Region of the Diocese were recognised for 25 or more years of service to Catholic Education. Congratulations to Louise Malchow, Karen Murphy, Angela Jordan, Pia Keain and Genevieve Richter from Benedict Campus who were recognised for 25 plus years of service to Catholic Education.

Confirmation
Congratulations to the children in Year 7 who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on 15 May. It was a significant part of their faith journey and the reverent way they conducted themselves was noted by many present for the celebration. It was a wonderful sight to see a cathedral packed with family and friends supporting and affirming these young people in their completion of the initiation into the catholic faith.

Reconciliation Week
To mark the opening of National Reconciliation Week, prayers were offered in each classroom and a visual display of our commitment as a school was placed at the entrance of the College. My thanks to Matthew Mead for setting up the yard display. During Sorry Day our Reconciliation Action committee gathered to begin discussions around how we as a school can be active and commit ourselves to Reconciliation and Justice for Indigenous people in our community and our country.

SAPSASA Carnival
Today our Year 6 and 7 students participated in the SAPSASA winter carnival. All students competed in either soccer or hockey matches against their Year 6/7 peers from other schools in the Port Pirie district. These days are a real highlight on the school calendar for promoting active and healthy lifestyles for our students.

Uniform
It has been pleasing to see students quickly make the transition into the winter uniform. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any queries regarding uniform expectations. A reminder that the uniform policy can be found on the College website for your reference.

Katie Pole,
Assistant Principal for Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM)
Students painted one fingernail to show that 1 in 10 Australians are born with an allergy.

National Food Allergy Week

Last week was National Food Allergy Week. In Year 3 Green, we take food allergies and anaphylaxis seriously! As a class, Year 3 Green identified allergens found in our lunchboxes and Trey’s mum came in to teach us about the signs of an allergic reaction, and how to use an Epipen. We painted 1 nail to show that 1 in 10 Australians are born with an allergy.

Remember:
1. Take food allergy seriously.
2. Know the allergies in our school.
3. Wash your hands before and after eating.
4. Never share food at school.

For further information you can go to: http://www.abc.net.au/btn/story/s4460246.htm

Teresa Gadaleta,
Year 3 Green Teacher, Literacy Coordinator

During Food Allergy Week, Trey and his mum Penny spoke to his class about allergy awareness.

Star Students

**Year 7 Green**
Toby Hurst
Laura Watt

**Year 7 Red**
Ellie Waters
Alphie Taylor

**Year 7 Blue**
Eve Clark
Bade Freer

**Year 6 Red**
Aleisha Carmody
Jonas Blight

**Year 6 Blue**
Alyce Ferme
Harrison Farrugia

**Year 5 Green**
Elia Champion
Amity Lane

**Year 5 Red**
Liam Tyler
Kate Burgess

**Year 5 Blue**
Brodie Anderson
Morgan Cullen

**Year 4 Red**
Dakota Kendall
Austin Dunbar

**Year 4 Blue**
Taliyah White
Adam Smith

**Year 3 Green**
Amity Williams
Mitchell Court

**Year 3 Red**
Bridie Ellis-Nunn
Jayden Hawkins

**Year 3 Blue**
Schofield Leske
Daniela Thompson

**Year 2 Green**
Bailey Yarrow
Kale Ganley

**Year 2 Red**
Archie Simpson
Danniello Digeranimo

**Year 2 Blue**
Lucy Evely
Jackson Raftery

**Year 1 Red**
Aiman Ahmad
Tong Makuei

**Year 1 Blue**
James McBride
Demi Smith

**Reception Green**
Zac Bessen
Dylan Spence

**Reception Red**
Dolche Pisani
Saad Shahid

**Reception Blue**
Connor Lavis
Elise Yarrow
From the Deputy Principal

Academic Endeavour Assembly

Last Friday we gathered as a Bosco Community to celebrate and acknowledge students in our community who in Term 1 consistently achieved exceptional results for Academic Endeavour. The Academic Endeavour Award acknowledges students who have performed exceptionally well over a variety of subjects. To receive an Academic Endeavour Award students must consistently demonstrate considerable effort, participation and application in their learning and place in the top 10% of their cohort for effort. Students recognised on Friday show a deep commitment to their studies. They are focussed, spent time completing homework tasks, clarifying their thinking with teachers and submitted all assessments on time and to the highest standard.

We congratulate our Academic Endeavour Award Recipients pictured.

Catholic Education Week

Last week schools across the Port Pirie diocese celebrated our Catholic Faith and Mission during Catholic Education Week. Over the course of the week our community participated in a range of activities to raise much needed funds for the Catholic Missions as well as participating in a blanket drive in support of our local St Vincent DePaul Society. Whilst many bought a gold coin to support the Catholic Missions, others in our community bought in a blanket for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. It was wonderful to see many of our students go to the effort of bringing in a blanket. Some students were very generous donating 6 or more blankets to this worthy cause. This was quite impressive. As we enter the winter months and the cold weather sets in it is comforting to know that these blankets will keep those in our community that live without, warm. So to those who made the effort to search through the cupboards for that old blanket and to those who went down the street to purchase a new one, we thank you.

Congratulations to Year 11 student George Seppelt who was awarded the “Giving Young Flyers Training Support Scholarship”. An outstanding achievement for someone who is only 16. George participates in an Aviation course for one week every term and by this July, George would have completed his required training hours and be able to fly solo! This is both exciting and a little scary. George, we are very proud of your achievements and know that you will make a wonderful Pilot in the not too distant future.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including remote Australia. Catholic Mission continues the work of nourishing the hungry and thirsty; welcoming the stranger, ostracised and lonely; clothing the bare; protecting the vulnerable; visiting and going out to the sick and incarcerated; through the support of education, healthcare, shelter, food and personal development programs. To our parent community, please know that your child’s spare change has gone to a most worthwhile cause. Whilst many bought a gold coin to support the Catholic Missions, others in our community bought in a blanket for the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal.
New Staff Profile

Name: Alix Schuppan

Hometown: Whyalla

Education: Masters of Teaching, Bachelor of Visual Arts, Diploma of Graphic Design

My journey to teaching: I have always loved the arts and in particular using graphics and design. I am very passionate and wanted to share this with young people. My vision is that all young people feel confident in themselves and have the opportunity to discover different ways of expression through art.

Experience: Following my teaching degree I lived and worked in London for 2 years. During this time, I worked at a number of different schools and gained invaluable experience that helped my formation. I have been teaching now for just over 6 years, during that time I have worked in multiple schools across South Australia. A highlight of my career thus far has been being a part of the SACE moderation panel for IP and Design in 2015.

Life outside of school: In my free time, I have a graphic design business but I also love fitness and spend my time exploring and keeping active on weekends. I absolutely love my dog. I have a Golden Cocker Spaniel called Peppie, he is 3 years old. He was a rescue dog and I couldn’t adore him more.

Why Port Pirie and SMC: I moved back to the area to be close to my family / friends in Whyalla. I had heard through my teaching colleagues that St Mark’s College was a wonderful school and Port Pirie was a very welcoming community. I was also excited by the opportunity to work in a new facility and share my passion for the creative arts.

Congratulations to Year 11 students - Joshua Bishop, Courtney O’Dea, Caitlin Malycha, Ashlee Fuchs and Eliza Watt.

Congratulations to Year 10 students - Ellie Combe, Angel Allan, Georgia Pisani, Cooper Lane, Mia Dennis, Eden Smith, Maya Bessen and Jack Ashe.

Congratulations to Year 9 students - Maygan Barkla, Jake Noble, Jai Thornton, Leo Taylor, Shanzeh Shahid, Shanmadhi Santhosh, Meg O’Brien, Darcey Roberts, Bethany Castle, Crenie Kumar, Amy Burgess, Scarlette Thoman and Isabella Cotton.

Congratulations to Year 8 students - Sufyan Hashmi, Euan Fetherstonhaugh, Harry Mead, Lillian Keain, Sophie Millard, Keelie Sjostrom, Stella Arbon, Ardia Mead and Jordan Gorey.
Year 12 Child Studies

Our Year 12 Child Studies students recently completed a cooking task with Year 2 Red students. Both classes had a lot of fun working together in the Home Ec Kitchen at Bosco Campus.

Year 10 Drama

Our Year 10 Drama students recently performed their 'Masked Movement' pieces around the grounds of Bosco Campus.

The Year 10 Drama students presented their Masked Movement pieces to audiences of Year 8 and 9 students. The Drama students have studied the movement techniques of Rudolf Laban and combined their understanding with the principles of masked performances. Each performance involved students incorporating specific movement techniques to their choices of contemporary music examples.

Fiona Clarke,
Year 10 Drama Teacher - Bosco Campus
Term 2 has become a hive of activity at McNally Farm.

The Year 12 students have been conducting soil testing in our paddocks, and also have a feed lot trial underway with our lambs.

The Year 11 students have learnt how to propagate native plants using a range of methods and are now working with our Steers.

Our Year 10 students have all operated the Cox ride on mower, and the Rotary Hoe, and now move on to learning all about Cattle.

The Year 9 students continue to maintain their gardens and are slowly and carefully taming and training our Boer goats to lead.

We also have two Year 8 Science classes accessing the farm to complete 10 weeks of Agriculture as part of their course, and they are currently working on their garden plots.

Paul Matthews,
Ag Teacher
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SMC Captains Eve and Patrick hand over the funds raised for Catholic Missions during Catholic Education Week to Principal Mr Greg Hay.

Cake stalls were held to raise funds for Catholic Missions.

Our brave Bosco Teachers become the targets of a sponge throwing competition to raise funds for Catholic Missions during Catholic Education Week.
The School Blazers are now available for purchase from Intersport.

Students interested in purchasing a School Blazer can try one on for sizing at the student offices and then place their order direct with Intersport.

The costs of the Blazers are:
- Childs $200
- Youths $210
- Adults $215

Minimum orders of 6 will be required.

SMC Scarves

Red and Navy St Mark’s Scarves are now available from Intersport. Cost is $25 each.

SMC Umbrellas

St Mark’s Umbrellas are now available to purchase from the Bosco Campus Front Office. Cost is $25 each.

Parents and Friends Bake Sale

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Parents and Friends Bake Sale held on Thursday 19 May 2016.

With the support of parent helpers and the donation of a variety of beautiful home-made goods, we were able to raise an amazing $965.

Daniel Lauder,
on behalf of the Parents and Friends Committee

The University of Adelaide Open Day

Sunday 14 August 2016

If you are considering your career options or thinking about doing further study - check out the Uni Open Day!

For more information go to: https://www.adelaide.edu.au/openday/
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