We welcomed visitors from overseas and we celebrated literacy and imagination. Students played important games hard and the Year 5s considered the future as McNally Farm prepares to go to the Show.

Alafua Siva Tour
The arrival of 48 Samoan students and their six teachers caused an explosion of good will and fun and mountainous plates of food and pulsing song and beautiful international connections. There was raucous laughter at a Quiz Night and they belted us up in the Touch Rugby. There was prayer and singing and extraordinary dance. The echoes of the drumming still reverberates. They ran dance workshops with the little ones and taught them a haka. They threw basketballs with the boarders and became Facebook friends. They went into Bosco classrooms and engaged with charm and enthusiasm. They offered a concert to each campus and to our families. Did I mention that they could eat? They can eat—eat and eat. Those Samoan boys pack a punch and they need fuel to do it. It was an experience to feed them and a triumph to offer them hospitality.

The visitors came for Don Bosco Technical Community in Alafua, Samoa. They were on a three week SIVA tour (dance and song) of our Australian Salesian schools and parishes and they stayed at the College. The students, aged between 15–23, are all studying a variety of trades. Fr Chris Ford (a past staff member), their Principal and tour guide brought them up to Pirie and they certainly made an impact. We enjoyed the extraordinary energy created by the visit. Their movement, voices, joy, reverence and broadest of smiles were engaging and entertaining. They have a faithfulness and enthusiasm which is contagious.

The concert experience began with prayerful dance and song. The Samoan students were dressed in their school colours and sang with reverence and danced liturgically with grace. It was stirring. The strong bass baritone voices vibrated and we couldn’t believe the resonance, the masculine timbre of the sound. As part of their concert they remove their shirts to dance in more traditional Samoan costume. I have to publically write that there was audible intake of breath from the Year 11 and 12 girls. The six pack stomachs and the dripping testosterone had them glazed and smiling. The masculinity and power, the tattoos and oil and vibrancy has some of us gasping. The Samoan boys smiled in confidence, moved in powerful unison and actually there was an intake of breath from every female in the room.

I acknowledge a huge team of people who made hospitality a priority. The event demanded much from many. It connected Salesian schools and it connected Port Pirie people with some great young men. This was a mighty moment that needed organisation. I was inspired by how “welcome” at Salesian Boarding House expressed itself. I was so pleased at how our students engaged. I am grateful to all who made them feel safe, fed, and comfortable.

The Samoan boys have now left and we have been deeply touched by their presence. It was rich, entertaining and full of surprises. There was a sacredness about it as well. The Salesian flame burnt brightly. The tour served as a great opportunity for our students to experience aspects of another culture whilst recognising the connection we have as Salesians. I was amazed. Our students responded beautifully and our visitors were impressed by the efforts of so many at St Mark’s.

Phew!
Friday 9 September

No School for Students

Staff Retreat Day

Our Year 5 students have begun getting to know their way around the Secondary Campus with a tour followed by recess at the Ag Centre.

Thursday 15 September

Year 10 Retreat

Wednesday 14 September

Year 9 Retreat

Sunday 11 September

Mass and Procession

Saturday 10 September

Debutante Ball

Blessing of the Fleet

Sunday 4 September

Fathers’ Day

Sunday 4 September

Interesting visitors came to Book Week!

Principal

Greg Hay,

Principal

Book Week Parade

Book Week produced its beautiful magic again. We had a week dedicated to literature and reading. We had special assembly, lunchtime activities, Possum Magic and prizes. Teachers seemed to get more excited about a range of reading and the students responded with energy and creativity. I attended an assembly which launched Book Week and celebrated literacy at Benedict Campus. Possum Magic was read and Grandma Poss and Hush made a public appearance. A thousand families have read that book a hundred times. Still it captured our imagination. Capri Algie played Hush with an innocent enthusiasm and Ms Lyn Elbourn played Grandma with characteristic mischief. The whole thing was run by the students and Ms Teresa Gadaleta staged it beautifully. There were story books read at the microphone and a song that entertained. Miss Caputo and students had us all singing and swaying in their recital. There were good speeches and teachers being funny. There were awards presented and an excitement at the announcement of what the week would contain. The children at the assembly were engaged about books.

Later that week there was the Book Week Parade. Book Week is about reading as a community and it is about a community engaging in literacy. It is so important. But at St Mark’s it is also about the pageant; the wonderful, imaginative, creative cuteness on steroids. It is about the glamour of a parade and it was a delight. I saw wonderful connection to the Australian theme. There were Ned Kelly’s and Cuddly Pots and Cutie Pies. There were Olympic Gold medalists and ranges of Footballers. There were Men from Snowy River and Aussie cricketers, Steve Irwin, sheep and bunyips. There were soldiers from every theatre of war, a Captain Cook cabin boy and even the Sydney Opera House, a barbecue and a jar of Vegemite. To add to the triumph there were colonial women and World War 1 nurses, Julia Gillard and Angus from ACDC. I was amazed at the effort. The parade was about the imagination and thrill of connecting with a story. It was the preparation done at home that amazed. I joined with many parents and grandparents in delight.

Sporting Finals

The winter sport is coming to a close and our students are right in the middle of the sporting finals season. A little moment of finals immortality beckons and there is an edgy keenness about. It is a wonderful dimension of St Mark’s life. St Mark’s students love sport. They are committed. They try so hard and they share a comradeship and joy when they wear the colours of the College.

I have tried to see some of the games and every time I turn up I see the care and commitment of a coach. They worry, wonder, encourage and urge. They offer wisdom and build skills. They care about our students and they get caught up in the thrill of contest. They organise the drink bottles, click the stop watch and shuffle the team list and then they have to find the words that connect with the hearts of enthusiastic young people. I felt so grateful that such good mentors have care of our children. These are good people involved. These are the volunteers we treasure.

The sunlight in the evening is setting a little later. There is a warmth in the air despite the rain. There is a sense of the season changing with the blossom appearing. And its finals!

Year 5 visit to Bosco

There was a gathering of parents to discuss the decision to transfer Year 7 into the secondary school in 2018. It was a formal meeting attended by the Executive Team, Alan Zubrinich as Chair of the Board and Daniel Lauder as President of the P+F. I thought the meeting went well. There was a sense that things have been planned and that the children’s welfare and learning is the priority. The excitement about the change and that the children’s welfare and learning is the priority. The excitement about the change and all that has to be organised in response seemed to dominate the meeting. There are plans for a double court gymnasium and a state of the art science facility. There are plans for appropriate transition and a good Benedict final year experience. It seems in order and as a response, and at the suggestion of a parent, a series of visits to the Bosco Campus have taken place. The Year 5 classes have had a look at the Bosco facilities and met a number of classes. It became very exciting. The vision of a secondary participation may not be quite so intimidating now.
From the APRIM

Siva Tour
As a school we were captivated and our connections to our charisms were rejuvenated. Our Samoan visitors shared stories with us and a sense of belonging to a big Christian Family with shared faith. The two day visit was a wonderful immersion in faith, culture and joy for us all.

Year 10 and Year 11 Retreats
Information and consent forms have been distributed to the Year 9s and 10s. Please ensure that your child’s consent form has been returned to the Bosco Office.

Blessing of the Fleet
Next week is the start of the week long Blessing of the Fleet Celebrations. This includes the Triduum Masses, the Candle light walk and the weekend festivities. A reminder that our Sacramental Students are invited and encouraged to come along to the Wednesday Night Mass and be part of the celebration.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday
Last Sunday was Migrant and Refugee Sunday. There was an international luncheon held in the Good Samaritan Hall to celebrate the diversity of culture that is our catholic community.

We shared the story of one of our own local refugee families. We heard a story of resilience, opportunity, faith, courage and above all one who seized opportunities when presented with both hands. It was an inspiring live journey.

RELAT
As previously communicated via letter with families, our Year 4 students will undertake the Religious Education Literacy Assessment next week. Please contact me at school should you have any queries regarding this assessment.

Staff Reflection Day
As indicated in the College Calendar next Friday is a Student Free day. Staff will have the opportunity to reflect on their vocation and role in our School community. The day will be led by presenter Jonathan Doyle who is sure to inspire us all.

Katie Pole,
Assistant Principal for Religious Identity and Mission

Combined Schools Festival of Music
The SMC Benedict choir have been working extremely hard during the year preparing for the Combined Schools Festival of Music. Last Wednesday was the performance night and there were many proud parents and friends who went along to see the fantastic performance!

Three students from St Mark’s trained after school on a weekly basis preparing for a solo. Natalija Wauchope, Madeline Dix, and Aleslynn Everett.

Aislynn was recognised for her amazing singing skills and was also chosen to be involved in the Adelaide Festival of Music in a couple of weeks time.

Nikki Coputo,
Benedict Campus
From Benedict Campus

During the last fortnight the students of Benedict Campus have continued to engage in a wide variety of events and activities such as a Book Week Assembly, Sports Team Photos, Sprint Trials, Visiting Samoans, Combined Choir, Book Week Parade, SAPSASA, Year Level Excursions, Hairspray Performance and school work. It takes a lot of extra effort to organise and co-ordinate these events and I’m deeply grateful for the staff, parents, families and wider community members who do so on such a regular basis.

Enjoy the photo gallery!

Melissa Gadaleta, Teacher in Charge - Benedict Campus
**Writing Educational Assessment Results**

**Distinction**
- Scarlett Tood
- Abbas Shah

**Credit**
- Leo Cretan
- Meg Hall
- Isabella Martlew
- Ruby Stark
- Mitchell Cretan
- Connor Gorey
- Amity Lane
- Aslin Spolding
- Jonas Blight
- Henri Philipps

**Merit**
- Aastha Shah
- Fergus Tood

**Participation**
- Trey Luteria
- Ginikachi Onwuchekwa
- Kamsi Onwuchekwa

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**National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis (NSDP)**

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace and surgery). Because in the early stages the condition is more often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure.

The Self-Detection Brochure for Scoliosis can be accessed directly via a link on the Scoliosis Australia Home Page at [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org)

The website contains comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment of scoliosis. Using the forum certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature.

*Andrew Sheridan, Year 9 Coordinator - Bosco Campus*

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**Religious Education**

**Social Justice and Moral Decision Making - Reflections by Year 7 Blue students**

Many people don’t know the harsh reality of the refugees’ lives. The way they live is terrible, in fear of their lives, never knowing if they’ll make it through the next day. They shouldn’t have to worry about these things. With our help we can make a change. We cannot sit back and judge people without knowing their story. We need to live in the words of Jesus and treat others how we want to be treated.

I have learnt many things about social justice and refugees and it has helped me to see the world in a different way. I am more thankful for the wonderful family and life I have been given. I think Australia needs to make a change in the way they handle refugees coming into the country. It is not fair! Australia needs to take action and make a difference.

*Eve Clark*

I have learnt about the harsh reality of how thousands of refugee families live. They are scared for their lives and the lives of their families. I feel confused that people would kill others for power, land or differences in religions and cultures.

It is unfair when people in Australia say to turn the refugee boats around, they don’t know what these refugees have been through. Jesus’ messages to us are told through Bible stories. The Good Samaritan story teaches us that it doesn’t matter if people are different to us, we still help them because we are all humans.

We may only be kids but there are things we can do. We can raise awareness by sharing the refugees’ stories so we can better understand. We are the next generation and we need to make a change.

*Quinn Lane*

Jesus always said, “Treat others how you want to be treated.” Do you want to be let down and find that the country you hoped would change your life wouldn’t take you? Do you want to go thousands of kilometres just to find that you have to go back?

Do you want to help people? We need to find out about people. We can change our ways. We could be the nice ones. We could make a difference in this world. I could help someone. We can fight for what is right.

*Ethan Markham*

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**Star Students**

- **Year 7 Green**
  - Morgan Akker
  - Kiah Phillipps

- **Year 7 Red**
  - Max Fitzgerald
  - Scarlett Tood

- **Year 7 Blue**
  - Taylah Smale
  - Liam Gaudio

- **Year 6 Red**
  - Melia Thompson
  - Jannah Norton

- **Year 6 Blue**
  - Nicholas Gadaleta
  - Charlie Webb

- **Year 5 Green**
  - Jessie Backshall
  - Robbie Gadaleta

- **Year 5 Red**
  - Toby Ellis-Nunn
  - Jackson Whittaker

- **Year 5 Blue**
  - Jesslyn Dite
  - Kamisi Onwuchekwa

- **Year 4 Red**
  - Matilda Gebert
  - Emmerson Jones-Lawrie

- **Year 4 Blue**
  - Mia Simounds
  - Amahli Farinola

- **Year 3 Green**
  - Akaila Ackland
  - Jake Anderson

- **Year 3 Red**
  - Alex Spolding
  - Cohan Dwyer

- **Year 3 Blue**
  - Adelle Mieglich
  - Mason Smallacombe

- **Year 2 Green**
  - Bailey Luteria
  - Elise Vanlaarhoven

- **Year 2 Red**
  - Sophia Yin
  - Oscar Chivell

- **Year 2 Blue**
  - Lachlan Bath
  - Charlie Kendall

- **Year 1 Red**
  - Aiden Capurso
  - Lucas-Lee Karatapelif

- **Year 1 Blue**
  - Riley Dwyer
  - Hamish Caputo

- **Reception Green**
  - Amaliyah Jose
  - Bailey Ferme

- **Reception Red**
  - Hunter Curtis
  - Zac Kotaras

- **Reception Blue**
  - Lincoln Joyce
  - Zak Macklin
From the Deputy Principal

Last week 48 Samoan visitors arrived and what a blessing they were. The all-male cast from Don Bosco Technical College in Samoa mesmerised our community with their precision dancing, athletic ability and culture. The young men interacted with our students, teaching them about Samoan culture and values, traditional dance moves and I believe some even learnt how to count to ten. At lunch the school gathered, for an impressive exhibition of both soccer and touch. Whilst it was clear we were playing to a different set of rules in touch we were slightly outclassed by their speed, agility and passing accuracy. The soccer on the other hand was much closer with both teams a match in their ball movement and skill. It truly was a great display of athleticism and sportsmanship.

The afternoon assembly performance captivated the crowd, there were deep harmonising voices, humorous skits and impeccably timed traditional dances. Our staff and students were in awe; you could literally hear a pin drop.

The evening performance was quite unique as we combined both international and local talent. St Mark’s students were at their best and we couldn’t have been more proud. The concert was filled with joy and vitality as many gathered for the second time to witness and celebrate this wonderful culture.

In true Salesian hospitality our Boarders shared their home with our new found friends. Having spent the most time with our visitors, deep connections were made. They shared in the sacredness of Eucharistic celebration and the joy of a Quiz and games evening. There was laughter, dancing and some healthy competition.

Our visitors departed on Thursday, leaving a few broken hearts behind. We are left now with full hearts, wonderful memories of Salesian spirit and an understanding of just how far the Don Bosco connection travels.

Well done to our Year 11 Drama students on an excellent performance!

Summer Uniform

On Monday of Week 9 we enter the phase of transition from winter to summer uniform. For the remainder of the term students will have the option to wear either uniform. Come Term 4, all students will be expected to be in summer uniform, including the school hat which must be worn by students when outside.

Year 11 Drama Production

It has been a busy and rewarding start to the Semester for the Year 11 Drama class. The students have been busy rehearsing the Dolls House.
The cleverly written play explored the concept of identity and kindness through a 21st century storybook genre. The eight Dolls ranged from the image focused Barbie to the loyal and kind Raggedy Ann, each sharing insights into adolescence and the importance of being kind to others.

The Year 11 cast brought each personality to life with skill, leaving the audience with a smile on their face and light in their heart.

Subject Counselling
I would like to thank the students, parents and carers who attended the subject counselling interviews this week. Subject selection in the senior years can be filled with many difficult decisions as students begin to take important steps towards their future pathway.

Our staff take pride in the care and effort taken to educate your child about this process and acknowledge and value the important role you as parents play in subject selection. The interviews were very well attended and we hope that you found the process both informative and valuable.

A time to focus
As the end of the Year 12 academic year approaches the pressure of final assessments and preparing for examinations intensifies. It is a busy time of term where good time management skills and a high level of organization and planning is essential. For the short term, Year 12’s should consider placing a larger focus on their studies by reducing external commitments. Further to this, it is vital that they are present in all classes. At times, they may want to stay at home to ‘catch up’ on work but it is important that parents know that doing this often places the individual further behind.

At this time of the term, it is important for students and families to recognize that deadlines are critical. As the academic year draws to a close, the possibilities for extensions are reduced as teachers must mark and submit results to the SACE Board by set dates. Therefore, students must carefully plan their final weeks and talk with their teachers immediately if they feel overwhelmed or like they are not keeping up.

There is no doubt that the final year of secondary schooling can, at times, be challenging. Please do not hesitate to make contact with John Gibson or myself should you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing or learning.

I also take this opportunity to remind Year 12 students and their families that Trial Examinations will take place in Week 1 of Term 4. The Exam timetable, along with expectations and protocols will be distributed to students in the coming weeks.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

St Mark’s places rebel students behind bars!

No, this isn’t the new College Behaviour Management Program. This is just one example of the many fantastic and creative costumes worn by both staff and students as part of the celebrations of what was a magnificent English Week. Our love of literature was clear in the powerful slam poetry written and performed, the thought-provoking Very Little Books written, the visually rich bookmarks designed, the engaging stories shared with Benedict students and, finally, the weird and wonderful costumes worn on Literary Dress-up Day. Winners of these competitions will be announced soon and the English Learning Area offers its heartfelt congratulations to all who helped make English Week 2016 such a resounding success.

Colleen McComish, English Learning Area Coordinator - Bosco Campus

‘Kindergarten to Careers’ Science Expo

On Wednesday 17 August we had eight of our Year 9 students represent our College at the “Kindergarten to Careers” Science Expo held in Port Pirie during Science Week. It was organised by the Department of Education and Child Development “Business Partnership Program”. Our students were in two different teams facing different challenges. The first team – ‘The Science Challenge’ Team was Chloe Coleman, Leo Taylor, Mollie Watt and Noah Waters. They had three design and construction tasks throughout the day; a stable tower to hold the most weight, a car that would travel the furthest distance in a straight line and a catapult to move an object the furthest distance or with most accuracy. The team won the car challenge and came equal first in the catapult challenge. The second team – ‘The Rube Goldberg’ Team was Deon Smith, Jack Dickson, Kate Venning and Niamh Gardner. They participated in a session using basketballs with built-in Bluetooth chips which allowed for the gathering and analysis of data regarding performance. The next challenge was to build a Rube Goldberg machine with as many components as possible that operated with greatest efficiency. The team worked well together to construct a competition winning contraption, it was most impressive.

These students represented our College with great pride and determination, working beautifully together to challenge their thinking and come up with their most effective, yet creative designs.

Tamara Wilson, Year 8 Coordinator - Bosco Campus
SMC Soccer

This weekend we have the 2nd round of the cup final and we wish all teams competing the best of luck.

Games are as follows:

High School:
St Mark's Victory v Rangers Black
St Mark's United v JPPS Jets

Primary:
St Mark's Kings v St Mark's Victory
St Mark's Lions v St Mark's United

Under 10:
St Mark's Strikers v Rangers Black
St Mark's United v Risdon Raider

Under 8 teams play their last game this weekend. Medals will be presented after the games to all players.

A reminder for Benedict students to return all guernseys after your last game. Please put these in a labelled plastic bag and return to Mrs Keain or the front office.

Bosco students please return your guernseys to Mr Fay or Mr Introna.

Pia Keain
SMC Soccer Coordinator

SAPSASA Football

During Week 4 of this term, a group of young and upcoming footballers from St Mark’s College represented Port Pirie at the annual SAPSASA Football Carnival. The team from Port Pirie consisted of eleven students from St Mark’s who competed against other districts from all across South Australia. The students from Year 6 and 7 enjoyed a week of football in varying conditions at Barrett Reserve, West Beach. The carnival was of round robin format, allowing each team to play a total of 10 games of football throughout the week.

The boys demonstrated a high level of skill, persistence and resilience throughout the week as they were undermanned due to multiple injuries from the previous weekend. Although the team did not register a win, they competed hard and lost multiple games by less than a kick. The boys enjoyed a terrific week of bonding and competing against other districts. The week was a great opportunity for students to forge friendships with their team mates from other schools within the Port Pirie region.

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Tom Arbon
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SMC Netball

The ultimate day of the season is on this weekend. After some exciting and well fought Grand Finals we have 6 teams playing off for a premiership.

Our very best wishes are extended to:
U13Div3 Blue, 1 Grade Blue, F Grade, D Grade Red and A Reserve. We will all be behind you cheering you on.

Junior Presentation Night is on Monday September 5 at the Port Football and Sporting Community Club. Meals will be served from 5:30pm and Presentations begin at 7pm.

Senior Presentation Night is on Sunday September 18 from 6pm at the Risdon Hotel.

Please see the next Newsletter for acknowledgements and award winners.

Katie Pole
SMC Netball Coordinator

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This season, the Association will run finals over four weeks, so this week sees the elimination final. Our U18 and U15 boys and U18 girls will all be playing this weekend for a spot in the Preliminary Final. We wish all teams luck in finals and to remember sportsmanship. Finals also means that it is vital that ALL players attend trainings, or let their coaches know if they can’t get there.

Good luck to all St Mark’s teams in the finals series.

Presentation Night

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Runner Up – Lillian Keain
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St Mark’s Hockey Club congratulates these award winners for an outstanding season.

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Around the College

**Teacher and Old Scholar Exhibition**

The BGC was transformed into an art gallery as the Visual Arts department recently hosted our first Teacher and Old Scholar Exhibition as part of the SALA (South Australian Living Artists) festival. Opening night saw us greeted with a packed house and eclectic mix of over 60 visual arts works by former and current staff members and old scholars from the 1960s through to the present. Our current students also had the chance to engage with the arts in a way that many have never had before. They were inspired. There were discussions about former staff member Mr Cheong’s charcoal drawing of a gorilla, which the students promptly nicknamed ‘Harambe’ and there was much wonderment over the awe inspiring ability of current Agriculture teacher Mr Matthews.

This discussion has extended into to the curriculum of some of our Art and Design classes with students being asked to respond to artworks through critical analysis, reflecting on the style and techniques used by the artists and how this could influence their own works. This is a key component of the Australian Curriculum in Visual Arts.

Students were also invited to vote for their favourite artwork in the ‘Student Choice’ competition. With over 200 votes cast, the most popular work was ‘Richie’, a digital portrait of music legend Keith Richards by old scholar Simone Keech (Class of 2006).

An event such as this doesn’t happen without the support of many people. There was food to organise, furniture to move, art works to be delivered, paintings to hang, drinks to serve, speeches to be made. The Visual Arts department wishes to extend a thank you to all in the school community that made this event the success that it was: exhibiting artists, staff members, students and members of the wider school community. A special thank you to students who volunteered their time at the opening to help with serving food: Rachael Davies, James Ellis-Nunn and Aysha Higginbottom.

We hope that this exhibition has not only been a showcase of the wonderful artistic talent that has passed through St Mark’s over the years, but will serve as an inspiration to our current students, giving them a glimpse into what they can aspire towards.

*Megan Congdon, Visual Arts Teacher - Bosco Campus*

**Knockout Hockey**

On Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August the St Mark’s Open and 8/9 Boys and Girls Hockey team travelled to the Pines in Adelaide to compete in the State Schools Sports Hockey Final. The competition was fierce throughout the day, with teams from Prince Alfred College, Walford, Roma Mitchell, Grant, Mt Gambier, Henley and Trinity also making it through.

The Open competition was held first, the girls battled hard during the day, but couldn’t quite notch a win on the board, finishing 5th overall. The boys played very well throughout the day, and were able to cement their spot in the Grand Final against a very strong Prince Alfred outfit. Unfortunately it was a tough contest and the boys went down, finishing 2nd overall.

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Sincere thanks goes to Huey Oxford and John Waters for travelling down and coaching the boy’s teams and congratulations to all St Mark’s players for the way you competed throughout the competition, it was an excellent display of sportsmanship and you did the school proud.

Congratulations to our 8/9 Boys - State Champions certainly has a nice ring to it!

*Jesslyn Oxford, Sports Coordinator - Bosco Campus*
The College welcomed 45 students and 8 staff from Don Bosco Technical Centre in Samoa. They are currently in Australia on a three week promotional tour performing and demonstrating their traditional Samoan dancing (Siva) and singing.

Our visitors from Don Bosco in Samoa touched the hearts of staff and students. It was a memorable experience for the students to watch, interact and dance with the Samoan performers.
We took three of our Steers to the Crystal Brook show, as a lead up to the Adelaide show. We were most successful with “Apollo” the Red Angus, bred by GR & RA Smith, and led by Alex Gove being awarded Champion led steer, and our Murray Grey “Billy” bred by R & B Burt, and led by Sophie Burt, gaining the Reserve Champion award.

Thank you to Agriculture students Bernie Butterick, Alex Gove, Sophie Burt, George Seppelt, Tom Hill and Aysha Higginbottom, for your attendance and help with this event, and also to Joel Head and Brian Hayes for their help.

Well done to Sophie Burt and Peggy Jackson who both gained 2nd place vouchers in the Heifer Judging competition. Peggy also won the Handler’s event representing HB Rural-Goolagong stud.

The year 9’s have been busy training the goats to walk in line, in preparation for the Adelaide show. We think we finally have a rank order. Mr Powell’s year nine’s are currently washing and grooming the goats.

Year 10 Agriculture students busy at work with Farm assistant Mr Brian Hayes, giving Jerome the Shorthorn his first wash.
Parents and Friends - Showdown!

Parents and Friends organised a get-together to watch the Port Power vs Crows Showdown recently in the BGC at Bosco Campus. It was a fun afternoon full of friendly competition.

Trade Skills Students

St Mark’s TSC students had the opportunity to participate in Working at Heights training at the recent Tafe open day. Thanks to Tafe SA Port Pirie for facilitating this course.

Notices

Southern Flinders Youth Expo Forum
On Tuesday 6 September from 6.45 to 9.30pm at the Savoy Soccer Club. Hosted by Hon Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome. Speakers will cover employment, career services, training, motivations, cybersafety, homelessness, mental health and wellbeing. For further information email frome@parliament.sa.gov.au

Southern Flinders Players - Footloose Information Night
Local theatre company Southern Flinders Players are holding an Information Night on Monday 12 September at the Portside Tavern at 7pm for their 2016/2017 production of ‘Footloose’. Cast members need to be 16 years or older. If you are interested in being a part of this fun production, come along!

Are you interested in trying Softball?
Tigers Softball Club are looking for new members. You don’t need to have played before. All new and old players welcome. If you are interested please grab a flyer from the Bosco Student Office.

Join the Year 11 Music Students and various Solo Performers as they present A NIGHT OF MUSIC
Tuesday 6 September at 7pm in the BGC - Bosco Campus