A door closes and an architect visits. Money is raised and a sacrament is received. The Board achievements are acknowledged and an Art Gallery is created. We will remember them.

A Door closes on the Year of Mercy
Major doors have been sealed in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome and doors have been fastened at St Mark’s Cathedral in Port Pirie. A clunk of closure has been heard in Churches all over the world and some doors, under tradition, will not be opened for 25 years. The doors in St Mark’s College classrooms have been stripped of their signs and aspirations. The decorations are down. The windows are now clean and the images and reminders about kindness or care, compassion or justice are gone. The Year of Mercy has finished. The theme that seemed to ignite our imaginations and unify us with the greater Church world is a memory.

The Year of Mercy was the idea of the Pope. It was an extraordinary Year of Jubilee. He wanted us to think a little more about the core elements of our humanity and the mystery of our relationship with God. The Pope wanted us to reflect on a quality of mercy and allow that to percolate into consciousness. It was a year processing forgiveness and reconciliation, acting on our impulse to help and to care. One way that that happened was by using a door to symbolise the opportunity for growth; use a door to symbolise hospitality and journey. I thought it was successful. I thought that the St Mark’s students were energetic and creative in their response. There was colour and hope plastered over 40 doors. The 25 trees that we planted for the Year of Mercy are thriving. The fundraising money is coming in. The philosophy of reconciliation grows slowly. Right relationship with God has been a priority. I think that our Pope offered a good idea that has had an impact.

Final College Board Meeting
The College Board gathered for the final 2016 meeting. I felt very appreciative of their work for the College and very grateful for the harmony and commitment that they offer. We gathered with our usual prayer and Kingslee Stanley offered a special blessing for Gen Richter. That moment remains poignant. There was correspondence, business and Committee reports. Our parent members all Chair the sub committees. They are required to report back on the progress of initiatives or make connections to the strategies and responsibilities of the school. We heard a report from the Boarding House and the progress of St Mark’s Sport. We looked at policy and stamped our authority on the new IT document. We made a decision about uniform and the marketing strategy. We discussed the scholarship program in the College and applauded the work of the P+F as the new cookbook was circulated around. There was a Principal Report because I am accountable to that Board every month. We continued to make sure that things work safely and that we are faithful. But most importantly we tabled the Finance Report which included the budget for 2017. It was a comprehensive and clear business report. Business Manager Dominic LoBasso had done an excellent job of ensuring a balanced budget and a transparent communication. Overall, it has been an excellent Board under the leadership of Alan Zubrinich and it has supported vision and growth. I thank them for their expertise.

Remembrance Day
I was with the Bosco community in the heat of the day to commemorate ‘the fallen’ on November 11th. It was dignified and moving and held in the air conditioned comfort of the BGC. We shared a service including a prayer and the ode. We heard from President of the RSL Malcolm Bond and we stopped for a moment. We stopped in the safety of our community, in the security of our wonderful

Thank you to our 2016 St Mark’s College Board members. We appreciate the work, commitment and support they have shown throughout the year.
country. We stopped in silence, sharing a sense of gratitude. There was a still and reverent catafalque on guard and there was gratitude for bravery and sacrifice. Our students have a reverence for a particular Australian notion of mateship and sacrifice and honour. There is something very special about a shared silence. The haunting trumpet played the reveille and then we listened to Riley Hayes play the national anthem on guitar. It was a grace filled and important moment. We will remember them.

**Parent Survey**

I do acknowledge the effort many parents take in completing surveys. These documents are part of the ongoing commitment to reflection and improvement. The results are tabulated and discussed and available online at our website. The results are very important for the future and another survey has come. This survey is created through the Marketing Committee and assesses how our families are responding to the many areas of school life. It will inform us as part of our school improvement process. We look for endorsement and challenge. I invite you to consider the online survey which was sent out recently.

**Reconciliation**

I was part of a very solemn and moving experience of Reconciliation this week. The Year 3 students courageously approached one of our priests and in faith offered their commitment to a good life for God. It was held in the quiet and solemnity of our Cathedral. There was a gentle encouragement for confession and a strong emphasis on the power of reconciling. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a very private and sometimes confronting experience. The children have been guided by their teachers to see it as a chance to reflect and make peace. It is a chance to trust in faith that there is a powerful loving God. The Sacrament itself leads to Eucharist and a deeper communion. I congratulate our students and thank their teachers and parents for their support.

**Mission Week**

I have been particularly proud of the manner in which our College has responded to the challenge of Mission Week. I delight in the creativity that generates ideas for fundraising, I am impressed with the entrepreneurship and the determination to connect to a customer, make a sale and make some money. I am quietly inspired by the generosity of our young people who offer energy and ideas as well something from their wallets. The students do genuinely care about those who do not have our advantages. The students recognise that they have a responsibility as citizens of the world to help others. So trinkets entice at a white elephant stall, cars are washed for $20.00, raffle tickets are sold, games and prizes are shared, a little sugar consumed and the College makes a stand against poverty and disadvantage.

**The Architects visit**

There will be building at Bosco and the progress with the new Science and STEM facility continues just as the double court gymnasium design evolves. The architects have been appointed and have come up from Adelaide for a visit. They met the teachers. There have been thoughts and ideas shared. The list of design hopes gets longer and the forces of architectural dreams pushes against a resistant budget which will remain sturdy. I keep looking at the financial interest rates as we will have to apply for a loan but now is mostly a time of determining educational priorities and imagining how we want learning to happen at St Mark’s. It is a time of understanding the impact of connection, space and light on students and creating spaces that enhance thinking, build community and encourage excellence. The building will start in June 2017.

*Greg Hay,*
*Principal*
From the APRIM

There is a real sense of change, hope and anticipation as the school year gets closer to its close and the excitement of the Christmas season draws nearer to us.

Reconciliation

The final of our school based Sacramental Programmes was completed for this year with our Year 3 students celebrating their First Reconciliation on Wednesday evening.

While this sacrament doesn’t have the joy and initiation feel of First Communion and Confirmation it was a wonderful occasion. In this sacrament the students get a sense of healing and peace with the celebration of God’s unconditional love. It is a time of community, peace and healing in a deeply personal moment.

As a College we feel privileged to support the parish and families in learning about Sacraments. This learning supports the family as the primary teachers of the faith to their children. During the programme students used a prayer package in the home. It has been wonderful to see the students share their experience of leading family prayer times throughout the weeks of preparation. I would like to acknowledge and thank Erin Arnold, Bernie Kelly, Eric Toome, Lyn Ellbourn and Teresa Gadaleta for preparation and dedicated work throughout the weeks of preparation. I would like to acknowledge the work of our teachers in undertaking their First Reconciliation.

Congratulations to our First Reconciliation students for 2016:


Closing Of The Year Of Mercy

On Sunday 20 November Pope Francis closed the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica to officially end the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This was replicated at the other Church Holy Doors and in our Diocesan Churches as well. Each class throughout the College closed their Mercy Door during morning prayer on Monday.

The themes chosen by the different student cohorts have been very tangible actions of love and mercy towards those around us. I would like to acknowledge the work of our teachers in activating this throughout our school this year.

While the Jubilee year is now closed this does not finish our call to be merciful. From this year may we, with renewed enthusiasm and hope, continue to carry out these actions in our own lives so we can touch the lives of others with mercy, peace, forgiveness and love.

Mission Month and Gala Day

This term has had a Social Justice focus throughout the College. Our Catholic tradition calls us to show preferential options for the poor and to find ways to provide assistance to those who are without basic human rights and conditions.

The students have been praying for issues of injustice, advocating for those in need, learning about the living conditions of children in Cambodia and actively planning and participating in fundraising activities.

Bosco campus activities were driven by our Year 11 students and their effort and initiative was exceptional.

Benedict Campus held their annual Gala day on Friday 18 November.

Just over $5000 was raised across the College. This money will be given to St Vincent De Paul Mission (APRIM) for fundraising activities.

Parish Events

Our Parish is hosting a number of events that students might like to be involved with. Next week is Messy Church on November 29. This is an opportunity for singing, craft, stories and a barbecue. It is a new parish initiative to support families in gathering together as a community in a less formal way.

On Sunday 4 December parishioners are invited to bring along their Christmas Cribs to be blessed by the Bishop. Some of our classes are busy making Nativity sets. This mass will also be a Family Mass. Children have the opportunity to take on a ministry as well.

A note also went home this week inviting Year 2-7 students to be involved in the dramatisation of the Christmas story during the Christmas Eve Family Mass. Those who wish to be involved would need to attend a rehearsal at 10:30am on Friday 23 December.

Dates For The Diary

Messy Church on 29 November

Year 8 and 9 Cathedral Mass at 12pm on 9 December

Benedict End of Year Liturgy on 9 December at 10am Good Samaritan Hall

Crib Blessing/Family Mass 10:30am Sunday 4 December

Christmas Eve Family Mass 7pm 24 December

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

We began the last newsletter cycle with 90 Year 4-7 students representing St Mark’s at the Inter School Sports Day. By all accounts the members of the Samaritan Team and the Salesian Team participated with energy, enthusiasm and good ‘sportsmanship’. Congratulations to all involved with the success of the day, in particular, to the Benedict organiser, Mr Tom Arbon and his helpers; Mr Jack Jordan, Mr Bernie Kelly, Mr Des McKeough, Mr Matt Mead, Mrs Karen Murphy & Ms Kali Rodda. We placed a respectable 2nd and 3rd behind the 1st place getters, Risdon Park Primary School.

Not to be left out, the Year 1s went on their excursion to Wallaroo. They were blessed with beautiful weather for a beach adventure and reported:

**In the morning we had prayer and then we got our bags and lined up to go to the bus stop. When we got to Wallaroo we went to the Nautical Museum. I liked it!**

**Tong Makuei - Year 1 Red student**

I liked seeing all the models of the warships in the Nautical Museum. There were two and they looked so real! After the Nautical Museum we went to Wallaroo Beach. The best part of the day was the Nautical Museum!

**Angus Hall - Year 1 Red student**

At the beach we dug a big hole. We got a bucket of water and there were tiny fish in there. We tipped the bucket in to the hole. It was fun!

**Molly Hudson - Year 1 Blue student**

After lunch we went to the ice-cream shop. I had rainbow flavoured ice-cream and so did Miss Capurso. The best part of the day was the ice-cream shop!

**Leana Nannapaneni - Year 1 Blue student**

Also during Week 4, the Years 3, 5 and 7s participated in professional dance sessions provided by Footsteps. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience, learning a few new steps and dances and burning off some energy!

Our R-3 Coordinator, Ms Jenna Howell, prepared an outstanding information evening for our 2017 Reception parents and we were delighted to meet the students on their first transition day last Wednesday. Their excitement is truly infectious! I’d like to thank some of our Year 6s (next year’s buddies) for the caring way in which they welcomed the 2017 Receptions. With buddies like Alyce, Caitlin, Chloe, Deakin, Harrison, Lucy, Marshall, Ryan F, Ryan H and Tyla, the ‘newies’ will be in good hands.

We completed Week 4 with a very moving Remembrance Day Service at 11am, on the 11th day of the 11th month. Thank you to 7 Red and Mr Jack Jordan for organising the service and helping us to understand the relevance of the day. I know staff were incredibly proud of the ‘silence’ of the minute’s silence by the R-7 students.

Week 5 saw SAPOL visiting Benedict Campus. Senior Constable Julianne Fowler and SC Nick spoke to the Years 3-7 students about cyber safety. The presentations were tailored for the year levels and were very informative. They are part of the ‘Think U Know’ program and I encourage parents and caregivers to go online and have a look. [https://www.thinkuknow.org.au](https://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

Fr Paul Crotty also visited and spoke to the Year 7s about Vocations and we thank Fr Paul for his ministry in this area even though he always brings along his North Melbourne bias!

We completed a week of academia and activities with Mission Gala Day. As they have done since its inception, the students amaze us with their ideas, resourcefulness, kindness and helpfulness, ensuring everyone has a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to our families for their continued generosity. I know Catholic Missions and our local St Vinnies will put the donations to very good use. Thank you also to the staff and Mrs Katie Pole for all the extra work involved in bringing Mission Gala Day to life.

Last Friday afternoon I had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the St Mark’s Benedict finalists read their books during Pirie Reads Aloud (an annual event hosted by Meg’s Bookshop). Jack Malycha in Year 1, Mackenzie Congdon in Year 6 and the Year 4 group of Eliza Harris, Emmerson Jones-Lawrie and Ruby Simpson read wonderfully with lots of expression. It was very hard to pick a winner!

During the last fortnight we have been using the new online attendance system. A friendly reminder that class teachers need to complete the roll by 8.50am. Can I please encourage you to have your child/ren at school before the first bell rings at 8.45am. Students arriving at 8.50am or thereafter must go to the office to get the roll by 8.50am. Can I please encourage you to have your child/ren at school by the official start time of 8.45am.

Lastly, the car park continues to provide us with some challenges which will always occur when over 1,000 people are trying to access the same area at the same time. Please consider coming to afternoon pick up 5 minutes later. Teachers are on duty until all students are collected. Please also inform any relatives and friends who are part of the ‘silence’ of the minute’s silence by the R-7 students.

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**Melissa Gadaleta,**
Teacher in Charge - Benedict Campus
Remembrance Day

Benedict students Ashton, Dolche and Liam proudly displaying their poppy posters drawn in honour of Remembrance Day.

Year 1 Excursion

Thongs, buckets and spades replaced the traditional school bag as our Year 1 students ventured to Wallaroo for their excursion to the Nautical Museum, beach and ice cream shop! Yum!

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From the Deputy Principal

Year 9 and 11 Drama Performances

Last week the BGC was a hive of energy as our Year 9 and 11 students took the stage to perform their final performance pieces. We began with the Year 11 class. The performance had a Sci-Fi theme, it was about the ‘beautifuls’ or the ‘haves’ and ‘uglies’ otherwise known as the ‘have not’s’. The play was rich with insight into perception and face value. Students were very clever with their character portrayal and delivered lines with great conviction. It was clear that a great deal of thought went into costume and set design. The production was a wonderful success and a great showcase of our talented Year 11 students.

On Thursday evening we were entertained by our Year 9 students. It was an evening of Shakespeare. For many this was the first time they have performed on stage. With a mixture of nerves, butterflies and a myriad of lines, the class performed beautifully. They had a stage presence and energy that was infectious. They remembered all those Shakespearian lines. It was most impressive. Their passion for the performing arts was clear. I congratulate our youngest performers on their efforts.

The Bosco Prize

On Tuesday the BGC transformed into a beautiful art gallery, the walls dripping with talent. There was a particular energy about as dignitaries, families, staff, old scholars and friends wandered the exhibition. The Bosco Prize is an annual celebration of excellence within the Visual Arts across Years 8-12. It provides an opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, talent and ideas, across a broad range of media and approaches in the fields of both Art and Design.

The prize is divided into two categories: Junior, which encompasses Years 8 through to 10, and Senior, which encompasses Years 11 and 12. The Bosco Prize always attracts high quality submissions as it provides our students the opportunity to showcase their creative works in a professional exhibition setting.

Judging of the Junior and Senior Prizes is undertaken by a panel of judges, ensuring that the works of the highest quality are selected as the winners. This year, with such an excellent range of Art and Design works on display, judging was incredibly close.

I congratulate the following award recipients:

Senior Prize - Chloe Anderson
Junior Prize - Georgia Tefanis
People’s Choice Award - Taylor Blieschke
Encouragement Award - Suffian Hashmi

Year 12 Technology Display

On Wednesday we gathered to celebrate the work of our senior technology students. Our Year 12s took delight in showcasing their major and minor projects. It was clear that they were proud of all they have achieved. I was blown away by the talent of our students. Their products were sleek and polished. What I saw was a reflection of hard work and dedication. I would have quite happily purchased any piece in that room had they been for sale. Mr Murphy and Mr Munday both spoke. They have a great relationship with their students and care very deeply. They spoke highly of the talent of our students. It was a wonderful evening and I congratulate all our senior students on the successful completion of their practical pieces.

Good News

On Friday we gathered as a community to acknowledge and celebrate our student’s talents and achievements. We were entertained by our talented Polding House Leader, Mrs Courtney Smith and Year 11 Music student Benjamin Burgess.

Recently two of our senior students have received significant promotions within the Australian Army Cadets. Year 11 student, Jordan Jones-Lawrie recently accepted the promotion of Cadet Warrant Officer Class 1. This is the second highest class you can achieve in Cadets. It recognises outstanding service and takes approximately 4 years to achieve. Warrant Officer Class 1 are the senior advisors of their unit’s Commanding Officer. They demonstrate leadership, discipline and welfare responsibilities. Further to this, Jordan was appointed as Regimental Sergeant Major of Eyre Battalion. In this role Jordan helps to maintain 7 units across the countryside and lead over 80 cadets. He travels after school and on weekends to fulfil this role. He teaches course navigation, first aid and bush skills as well as planning significant local events such as the ANZAC Dawn Service and Remembrance Day. Recently, Jordan led this team to success in the South Australian Annual Field exercise where the Eyre Battalion competed against Adelaide and its surrounding areas in a mix of competitions. The group, led by Jordan, won 5 out of 7 competitions, including the best battalion award. Another Year 11 student, Corey Shultz, also received a promotion to Cadet Warrant Officer Class 2 and was appointed as the Company Sergeant Major at the local unit here in Port Pirie. In this role Corey instructs new recruits and helps to maintain his unit. Warrant Officer, Class 2 is also senior management role focusing on the training, welfare and discipline of cadets. He too teaches and maintains drill, discipline and dress and supports with the organisation and facilitation of Anzac and Remembrance Day services. We congratulate Jordan and Corey on these outstanding promotions within the wider community.

Our next good news story was that of Year 10 student Jayden LoBasso. Jayden was recently selected in the Adelaide United Youth Squad.
Family and friends were treated to a night of comical drama last week as our Year 9 Drama students performed ‘Hamlet and Ted’s Woe’ and ‘Romeo and Julie’, adaptations of the originals by William Shakespeare! Well done to all involved on a great performance.

This is a significant achievement and will require a great deal of commitment from Jayden and his family. He is required to train every day, both before and after school. The Adelaide United Youth team play in the premier league in Adelaide, for those not soccer people, that is the equivalent to SANFL in Football, ABA in Basketball or Premier League in Netball. The Youth Team is the pool that feeds to the Adelaide United ‘A’ League team and is a pathway to becoming a professional footballer. We congratulate Jayden on this outstanding achievement.

Finally, we acknowledged another of our Year 10’s Sian Fitzgerald. In recent weeks, Sian proudly represented our College in Kapunda where she competed in the interschool gymkhana against other young equestrian enthusiasts from around the state. She competed in the show jumping events on her horse ‘Pippa’, where she placed in every event she went in. She received many 2nd and 3rd placings in this highly attended and a very competitive equestrian event. Equestrian is a sport that requires a great deal of discipline and control. We congratulate Sian on this outstanding achievement.

Year 11 Social Justice Commitment
Over the past 3-4 weeks, the Year 11 RE classes have been organising various fundraising activities for Catholic Missions and St Vincent de Paul. Catholic Missions are an aid agency of the Catholic Church. They answer the call to love God and our neighbour both locally and globally where they see communities in need.

Their mission statement is based on this Gospel quote of John “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!” The Local St Vincent de Paul Society Chapter like all others across Australia work to combat social injustices in our local community and the country. This includes a shop, providing aid and assistance to all who visit them and a meal each Sunday evening served by the Fred’s Van teams. These activities were an extension of our studies on Social Justice. Social Justice is an important part of our catholic faith. Across the classes, groups have planned, organised and carried out various fundraisers including a sausage sizzle, two raffles, an ice cream stand and the sale of various baked goods like oo-cook and cupcakes, as well selling refreshing soft drinks and milkshakes. In total we raised just over $2,500. The donations received for wearing Casual Clothes will also be added to our total. We are very proud of this effort, as this money is going to help those people in Port Pirie and Cambodia who are less fortunate than ourselves and provide an opportunity for them to take control of their own destiny. On behalf of the Year 11s, we would like to thank all those who supported our fundraising activities.

There are also many local businesses that have made donations towards our fundraising efforts. Without their support, we would not have been able to give so generously to the Catholic Missions. We acknowledge their generosity and support, it has been very much appreciated. Thank you.

Jaikob Matthews and Anthony Oliphant, Year 11 Students

Rite Journey Social Outreach
Over the course of the term our Rite Journey girls have been set a challenge. They were given $10 and asked to grow this amount, donating all money raised to a charity of their choice. Groups devised their own fundraising initiatives and have been impressed by their creativity. From sausage sizzles at the baseball, to staff car washes and lolly guessing jars, they have shown a great deal of energy in raising money for a good cause. The girls approached local businesses for donations to support them in their challenge.

With the support of the wider community they have been able to raise much needed funds for such worthwhile women’s charities. The task has challenged our girls to think outside the square. They developed in team work, gained confidence in communication skills and gained a greater understanding of initiative. Most importantly our girls learned about injustice, compassion and the importance of giving to those in need.

Bosco Presentation Evening
Staff are currently in the final stages of preparing results for the Semester Two assessment cycle. We will soon determine our 2016 award winners for scholarship, character & leadership and service to the community. Our Presentation Evening is a wonderful occasion and we would encourage our families to attend.

Details are as follows:
Bosco Campus Presentation Evening
Northern Festival Centre – Keith Michell Theatre
Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm
Award winners will be notified by mail no later than Wednesday 30 November.

Distribution of Reports
Year 11 - Friday 9 December.
Available for collection from 10:00am - 3pm at the Bosco Office
Year 10 - Wednesday 14 December.
Available for collection from 10:00am - 12:30pm at the Bosco Office
Year 8/9 - Wednesday 14 December.
Reports will be distributed during afternoon Caregroup at 12:30pm

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus
Pirie Reads Aloud

On Friday 18 November five students from St Mark’s Benedict attended the Meg’s Book Shop ‘Pirie Reads Aloud’ competition. Over 60 students entered the Benedict ‘Reads Aloud’ auditions, and from that, two students and one group of three students were selected to go to Meg’s Book Shop for the official “Pirie Reads Aloud” competition. The competition was very strong and we congratulate all entrants on their confidence, fluency and expression.

The Benedict finalists were: Jack M - Year 1 Red, Mackenzie C - Year 6 Red, Eliza H, Emmerson J and Ruby S - Year 4 Red.

We further congratulate Eliza, Emmerson and Ruby who were presented with a winner’s voucher on the Saturday!

Teresa Gadaleta, Literacy Coordinator

Congratulations to Jack, Eliza, Ruby, Emmerson and Mackenzie, who were all finalists in the Pirie Reads Aloud Competition.

Ruby, Eliza and Emmerson with owner of Mags Book Shop, Margie Arnold receiving their winner’s vouchers.
Around the College

Kindy Visits

On Wednesday 2 November six students from Year 6 Red went on a visit to the Risdon Park Kindy. Our group consisted of Aiden Blieschke, Jonas Blight, Rosie Todd, Eliza Mezzino, Kaitlyn Ganley and Imogen Good.

At 10am the group met up with Miss Howell and we jumped on the new school mini bus. We used the bus ride time to reminisce about our Kindy experiences.

Once we got there, the kids were eagerly awaiting us. We sat down and had a chat with them while they ate fruit and birthday cupcakes. Once they were finished, we went off in our groups for a play.

The Kindy was interesting. They had many fun activities. They had a trampoline, a doll house, a playground, a sandpit, a dirt pit, painting, wood work, a playhouse and many baby dolls. The kids were so happy to have us visit they made us gifts, “magic” stones, paintings and wood creations.

The time we spent there was fun and it made saying goodbye even harder. We hope to see some of our kindy playmates next year at St Mark’s.

Aiden Blieschke,
Year 6 Red student

The Teddy Collection

My name is Taya Smith and I decided to encourage SMC students to donate teddies or soft toys to give to those kids at Christmas that are less fortunate than us. I came up with the idea so that we could do something for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. I was excited to do this so I could help others who need it. The response has been fantastic. Thanks everyone at Benedict.

Donations can be sent to Mr Mead’s room or left at the Benedict Front Office.

Collections close on Friday 2 December.

Thankyou.

Taya Smith,
Year 4 Blue student

Reconciliation

This week we shared a sacred moment as our Year 3 students were forgiven for their sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

On their recent visit to Risdon Park Kindy, our Year 6 students enjoyed interacting and playing with the kindy students
Remembrance Day Service

Bosco students held a Remembrance Day Service in the Bishop Gallagher Centre. Our 2017 School Captains Ebony and Jayden were the Masters of Ceremony. Bosco Teacher and current member of the Army Reserves Brendan Whittenbury read the ode and students Aiden and Zali laid a wreath in honour of our fallen soldiers.

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

New Website

The Federation of Catholic Schools Parent Communities is an active voice for families with children in South Australian Catholic Schools. The Federation has recently launched a new website which is easier to navigate, contains timely news items and updated content. Be Connected, Be Informed, Be Heard.

Please check out their NEW WEBSITE

www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au

Year 11
MUSIC TRIBUTE CONCERT

Enjoy a beautiful summer’s night - reminiscing as our Year 11 students take you on a journey through the musical ages!

Thursday 1 December
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The Bosco Prize Exhibition Launch

The Visual Arts department celebrated the achievements of students across Years 8 to 12 at their annual Bosco Prize exhibition. While the exhibition showcased the final practical works of the students from the year current Year 12 students, it also displayed work entered by students in the lower Year levels. There was a wide variety of works on display, ranging from Charcoal drawings through to Jewellery and Fashion design. The launch was a huge success, with local members of parliament and the College Board among those in attendance.

The launch also featured the announcement of the Senior and Junior prize winners. The panel was made up of Principal Greg Hoy, Deputy Principal Kate Kilpatrick, Creative Arts Co-ordinator Mardi Nolan, Music and Drama teacher Fiona Clarke and past Art teacher Paul Matthews. The voting was incredibly close, with only a small margin between the students. For the second year running an Encouragement Award was given to a student whose work displayed great promise. This was awarded to Sufyan Hashmi for his illustration work. Georgia Tefanis won the Junior Prize for her detailed and sensitive fashion illustration, with Chloe Anderson receiving the Senior Prize for her thought-provoking and challenging series of works 'ReBirth'. Prizes will be handed out formally at the Bosco Presentation evening, along with the announcement of the People’s Choice Award. We congratulate all our award winners, as well as the students who exhibited their works. We look forward to seeing what 2017 will bring.

Alixandria Schuppan, Visual Arts and Design Teacher

Students Jai and George caught up with past Art & Design Teacher Rohan Cheong who returned to Port Pirie to attend the Exhibition.

SMC Art Teacher Amy Tilbrook chats with students Ebony and Aiden at the Exhibition.

Year 12 student Chloe Anderson was awarded the Senior Art Prize for her series of work entitled ‘ReBirth’. Chloe is pictured with Year 12 Visual Arts and Design Teacher Alix Schuppan in front of her artwork.

Year 10 student Georgia Tefanis was awarded the Junior Art Prize for her fashion illustration. Georgia is pictured with SMC Art Teachers Megan Congdon and Alix Schuppan in front of her artwork.
Year 12 Technical Studies

Last week family and friends gathered at Bosco Campus to admire the work and appreciate the efforts of our Year 12 Tech students. Congratulations to our students and their supportive teachers Mr Munday and Mr Murphy on the outstanding pieces you created this year!

Dance Workshops

Benedict Campus had a visit from the Footsteps Dance Company last week. The military two-step, the grapevine and a variety of other dance moves were on the agenda for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students who enjoyed participating in their fun workshops.

Notices

Piano and Keyboard Lessons
Lessons available in 2017 at school. Private 30 minute music lesson with Mrs Anne Hansen (Bachelor of Music and Diploma of Education).
Please phone 0429 866 242 or 86 36 2231 for more information.

Lobethal Lights Trip 2016
On Tuesday 20 December, departing from the Depot at 12pm. Stopping along the way at The Big Rocking Horse and Toy Factory, Melbas Chocolate Factory and Kenton Valley Cherry Farm. Cost is adults $60, children $30. Contact Spencer Gulf Coaches on 86 32 2666 or email jodie@spencergulfcoaches.com.au

Port Football and Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 10.00am