We are blessed by a Christmas season and by a year together. We have applauded Graduation, achievement, a story in Bethlehem and little angels on a big truck.

A Christmas Blessing
The last week of a school year brings with it a richness of gathering, some touching moments and ennobling rituals. It is a time when hearts swell and when we are buoyed by efforts and achievement. It is when we understand what is valuable through symbols, or gestures, a parchment of graduation, a speech or a balloon of freedom.

We are still basking in the elegance of the Year 12s and the way they walked across the stage of the Northern Festival Centre to Graduate with such grace. This was echoed in a special way when the Year 7s had an opportunity to conclude their primary years in a beautiful closing ritual. Our Bosco Presentation evening was simply splendid and applauded and felt united. The launch of a Cookbook and the festive atmosphere at Benedict was a joy whilst the innocent waves of the little ones from a huge truck at the Christmas pageant was quite beautiful.

Our own humanity is enhanced by our time at St Mark’s. We are richer through our connections. These connections become clearer during these major times of ritual. We understand the sacredness of our community more deeply through ritual and also when we connect with a story about a baby born in Bethlehem. I think that moment in history has given us a profound dignity and an insight into the nobleness of humanity – every one of us. We have a new sense of how sacred we really are. We can access a richer understanding of spirituality. We are drawn to a connection together through Church, or school, or community. That’s what the birth of that baby has revealed to us and that is what we try and do at St Mark’s.

The Pageant
It was a delight to see our Junior Primary students involved in the Port Pirie Christmas pageant. It is an especially fun filled and touching Christmas moment when we load the Gadaleta Steel truck with hay and tinsel and the students assume the roles of the characters from the Christmas story. Our nativity scene celebrated the true meaning of Christmas and I got a chance to walk with a truck full of angels. They were costumed, waving, playing Christmas hymns, and we rejoiced with the Port Pirie community on a great evening in our community. It may have been just a little warm for our shepherds and wise men but they were stoic. I thank Ms Jenna Howell and her team of teachers for their organisation.

Year 7 Conclusion
After a day of transition over at the Bosco Campus there seemed an extra energy of readiness from the Year 7s. They have worked hard this year and were conscious of the excitement of their transition. They are ready for the secondary setting and we assembled to celebrate this. The students and parents gathered for a full Benedict assembly and through prayer, story, warmth in handshakes...
and applause we acknowledged the leadership and effort of the Year 7s. There was a wonderful sense of the value of the eight years together. They left the assembly with a balloon ready to be let go. And the Year 7s were ready to be let go. They released the balloons into the unknown and we felt very proud of them.

The Graduation
The Graduation was a wonder of beauty and elegance. Our Year 12s were simply stunning to watch as they walked into a spotlight and accepted a Graduation certificate. They were smiling, excited and accomplished. They were ready to leave and danced, chatted, relished, and became so much of what we value. They had dignity, excitement and collegiality. And mums and dads were proud.

The evening was a series of beautiful moments orchestrated by a committed group under the leadership of John Gibson. I feel very grateful for the organisation and so very proud that such fine young people are now ready to make their difference to the world.

The Blessing of the Cribs
Sunday Mass was with the Bishop. He had made special effort to receive the created cribs and nativity scenes that our Year 4 children had made. He made special fuss of the creativity and gave a gentle reminder of how commercialism has swamped the truth and simplicity of the Christmas event. I am grateful to Year 4 teachers Matt Mead and Jane Munday for the work that they did with the students. I congratulate the students who allowed the Christmas event to be part of their creativity. It was a blessing and a blessed moment.

Launching of the Cookbook
On Wednesday the Parents and Friends launched the P+F Cookbook in a fun filled carnival atmosphere. There was a buoyant and festive atmosphere as this most impressive publication was formally offered for sale. There were tents, balloons, different tastings, song and dance and just for a moment, a bit of simple fun. The publication itself is full of ideas and will become a culinary adventure. It is a reflection of the creativity of our families. There are some cooking adventures ahead and I extend my congratulations to the P+F.

Farewell to staff and thank you
In closing I acknowledge the wonderful work of all, of our staff and thank them for their work. They formed a great team. I am very grateful for their service and I will get a chance a little later to say more intimately and formally to our staff a thank you for the work that they do to ensure that this remains a wonderful school. I acknowledge departing staff members Stephanie Bordignon, Naomi Creek, Hayley Combe, Lia Haskell, Kate Kerr, Paul Matthews, Courtney Smith, Kali Rodda, Madeline Cole, Eric Toome and Rob Harris. Best wishes to Tamara Kelly with her maternity leave. These have been purposeful and hardworking people.

Our year has finished.
Our year has finished. The community now rests. The efforts, endeavours and achievements are now complete. The hard work, drama and distinctiveness of 2016 is over. We have done very well together and I know that what St Mark’s offers is a community of so many people and we are richer for sharing this year with them and we all deserve a happy Christmas. I extend every blessing to all our St Mark’s families for a happy and restful Christmas. I thank them for their trust and support. I ask God’s blessing on the richness of family life as we rest from our time together. May we respond to the deep holiness, the sacredness of family life as we rest from our time together. May we respond to the deep holiness, the sacredness upon which our humanity has been endowed through Christ’s birth.

Greg Hay,
Principal
As the year draws to a close next week we reflect on all the events and celebrations that have commemorated the year. The student numbers are slowly decreasing yet the events and celebration continue. It has been a blessing to share so many significant events with our students and families in recognising achievements and milestones.

Advent Masses
Our Year 1 students and Year 8/9 students prepared Advent Masses for their respective campuses. They shared the significance of the preparation in the season and celebrated the presence of God in our world. The anticipation of the Christmas season continues to build. A highlight was the pilgrimage down to the Cathedral for the Year 8/9 Mass to be celebrated.

Benedict End Of Year Liturgy
The Benedict Community gathered in unity and thanks for the year. We thanked and farewelled those staff who will not be at the college during 2017. As is tradition during the final liturgy we farewelled our Year 7 students as they move across campus to begin Secondary Education. They handed the responsibility of leadership over to the Year 6 students. It is special for them, special for us and a significant moment share with their families.

Parish Masses
Last Sunday some of our families joined in the annual Blessing of the Cribs in the 10:30am Mass. The Parish embraced children during this Eucharist making it a Family Mass using all the children’s prayers and readings. It was a joyful celebration. Children have been invited to take part in the Nativity play during the 7pm Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve. Any students from Year 2-7 can give their names to me on Monday 12/12.

Finally in this final newsletter for 2016, may I take this opportunity to wish you much peace and joy this Christmas. I hope the holidays are a time of rest and rejuvenation for each and every one in our community. Until we gather together again as community 2017 may God Bless and shine upon you.

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

It is with great pleasure that I write the final Benedict Campus newsletter article for 2016. It has been an amazing year which has seen growth and development in the 488 students entrusted to the staff of St Mark’s College. As a relieving teacher last year, I had the opportunity to teach nearly all of the students and when I came back to Benedict in Term 2, I was able to see the wonderful progress, both academically and socially, of the students.

Working in partnership with you, the parents and caregivers, we’ve experienced Receptions learning to read right through to Year 7s becoming BYOD trouble-shooting teenagers, even helping staff members along the way! Whatever class or year level you found your child in, be assured knowing the staff of Benedict care for them deeply and want them to do their very best. I’d like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the outstanding commitment and dedicated effort all the staff make for the benefit of the students.

Sadly, it is also time to acknowledge and farewell some staff members who have other plans for 2017. We farewell Mrs Lia Haskett, Mr Eric Toome and Miss Kali Rodda and thank them immensely for the contribution they have made in 2016. We also farewell Miss Madeline Cole who is moving to Renmark to take up a Reception teaching position. (I’ve told Mr DePalma that he is very lucky to be gaining Miss Cole.) These teachers were a pleasure to work with and brightened the Benedict community with their positive natures. After 23 years of service, we farewell Mr Rob Harris who has carefully ensured that the maintenance of the College was a priority for the wellbeing of all. We are so fortunate to have had such wonderful people on staff and I know you will join with me in wishing Lia, Eric, Kali, Maddy and Rob all the best for wherever their journey takes them.

Pleasingly, we only bid farewell to one student who is moving – best wishes to Elizabeth Flink and family for your new venture.

And, ‘it’s not goodbye, just so long until we meet again’ to our Year 7s. Thankfully they will only be across the paddock at Bosco. I’d like to thank the Year 7s for their leadership this year and for being a very positive cohort of students. May High School bring you great joy and be everything you hope it will be.

Finally, in regard to farewells, I’d like to thank Miss Hayley Combe and Mr Todd Arbon for taking on the class teacher responsibilities of 2 Blue and 7 Red respectively. As always, they give so much and are always a pleasure to have in the school.

As the 2016 school year draws to its inevitable conclusion I hope it has been a positive experience for your child. Preparations are well underway for the 2017 school year and I look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Enjoy the time with your children and may you have a blessed Christmas.

Kind regards,
Melissa Gadaleta,
Teacher in Charge - Benedict Campus

Benedict Award Recipients 2016

The Good Samaritan Award and the Salesian Award are the most prestigious awards a Benedict student can receive. They are awarded to a Year 7 female and a Year 7 male respectively.

The awards acknowledge students who have reflected the ethos of the College during their time in primary school. Often the recipients are students who have been actively involved in extra-curricular school based activities such as; the M Team, altar serving, choir and other performances, and sports. They have demonstrated sensitivity, compassion and friendship towards others over the years and helped build a school community through being of service to others. They display a positive attitude and effort towards their school work and are genuine role models for others. The recipients are servant leaders and live Gospel values.

We are delighted to announce that the Award Recipients for 2016 are:

- **Good Samaritan Award**: Hannah Mark
- **Salesian Award**: Alphie Taylor

Thank you for the way in which you have conducted yourself and encouraged others during your time at Benedict. We are very proud of the fine young people you have become and wish you great success for your future years. We know you will continue to shine in your quiet, unassuming ways.

Congratulations Hannah and Alphie!
Volunteers

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”
Elizabeth Andrew

This is a quote that describes how important our volunteers have been in our school community.

Volunteers share their joy, laughter, bring a kind word, a warm heart and empathy for a person. They are dedicated, compassionate and willingly give their time to help others. This year St Mark’s College has been fortunate to have 15 LAP volunteers throughout the year and were able to support 42 students.

Friendships have been formed between our volunteers and students’ confidence has grown. I have been able to share many personal journeys with both the LAP students and volunteers and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their support during the year on behalf of our school community.

Phonological awareness

Phonological awareness has been a major focus for our R-2 classes. A child’s phonological awareness is a strong predictor of long-term reading and spelling success and it can also predict future literacy performance. I was excited when I analysed the semester 2 results of the tests for Phonological Awareness which demonstrated that children have made significant improvements in this area across all year level from R-2.

Support Programs

In 2016 it has been a very exciting year with the consolidation of both the Multi-Lit and Mini-Lit programs. The results indicate that these programs are valuable to assist our students from Reception to Year 7. The impressive results achieved in both these learning programs will continue to play a significant role in 2016. I would also like to say a big thank you to our hardworking teachers and to our wonderful ESO’s for their dedication and commitment and supporting all our students especially those with a learning difference.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and I look forward to returning in 2017.

Louise Richards,
Special Education Teacher - Benedict Campus

News in Special Education

Term 4
Deputy Principal Award for Academic Achievement

Reception Blue
Brendan Krommendijk

Reception Red
Asthon Gray

Reception Green
Sherwin David

Year 1 Red
Archer Cretan

Year 1 Blue
Leana Nannapaneni

Year 2 Green
Cleo Farrugia

Year 2 Red
Liam Saler

Year 2 Blue
Ruby Champion

Year 3 Green
Mitchell Court

Year 3 Blue
Zoe Reid

Year 3 Red
Kodi Stark

Year 4 Blue
Meg Hall

Year 4 Red
Isabella Martlew

Year 5 Green
Bella Porta

Year 5 Blue
Noah Gebert Ayeisha Everett

Year 5 Red
Harper Bridley

Year 6 Red
Eliza Mezzino

Year 6 Blue
Alyce Ferme

Year 7 Green
Georgia Pryor

Year 7 Red
Scarlett Tod Sophie Farrugia

Year 7 Blue
Quinn Lane Jordan Ganley

Star Students

Year 7 Green
Louis Lucivero Edyn Manfield

Year 7 Red
Montana Coe Cameron Williams

Year 7 Blue
Schylar Christall Ainsley Memen

Year 6 Red
Imogen Good Aiden Blieschke

Year 6 Blue
Seth Combe Madeleine Denny

Year 5 Green
Tae Ngatamariki

Year 5 Red
Madeleine Dix

Year 5 Blue
Charlie Hudson Mia Williams

Year 4 Red
Charlie Cumming Taylor Anderson

Year 4 Blue
Ruby Stark Minette Schoeman

Year 3 Green
Cooper Ferme Eva Christensen-Lauder

Year 3 Red
Ava Pisani Kobi Ganley

Year 3 Blue
Jacob Kumar Gracie Waters

Year 2 Green
Jaxon Jeffires Whitney Johns

Year 2 Red
Isaiah Jenkin Kyeenn Lethbridge Kobe Wright

Year 2 Blue
Mitchell Taylor Orlando Krommendijk

Year 1 Red
Cruz Salvemini

Year 1 Blue
Emily Court Tobi Phillipps

Reception Green
Dylan Spence Amaliyah Jose

Reception Red
Leo Connor Jack Swearse
From the Deputy Principal

The final weeks of school have been rich and wonderful.

Salesian Captains’ Conference

Last week I had the pleasure of taking our 2017 College Captains, Ebony and Jayden to the Salesian school leadership conference in Sunbury, Melbourne. Eight Salesian schools from across Australia gathered, each with their own unique context, but united by their connection to Don Bosco and the Salesian Charism. The experience was rich in formation but also provided our Captains with the opportunity to connect with other young people who are about to embark on the same journey. I am grateful for the hospitality of Salesian College, Sunbury, they welcomed us well. I was very proud of Ebony and Jayden; they will be fine ambassadors for our College.

‘It was a great experience to connect with other leaders who were in the same position as us. It was comforting knowing we had support and we were all united through Don Bosco.’

Ebony Bennier

My experience at the 2016 Salesian Captains’ Conference was definitely a memorable one. I came back with the confidence and knowledge to comfortably lead the school alongside Ebony. I also found it comforting knowing that there were other people in the same boat as me in terms of being new to the whole leadership role. Some of the captains at the conference gave Ebony and I a few ideas that we plan on incorporating next year which will hopefully emphasise the importance of a welcoming community and a sense of hospitality within our College.

Jayden Gonsalves

Year 12 Graduation

It was an absolute pleasure to celebrate with students and their families at the Year 12 Graduation Friday evening. Our graduates, dressed so beautifully, were presented to our community as we formally recognized and celebrated the coming to an end of their formal schooling journey. It truly was a wonderful evening. For some families, this evening also marked the end of their formal connection with the College, as their final child graduated. I would like to sincerely thank all parents and caregivers of the 2016 graduates for entrusting St Mark’s College with their child’s education. It has indeed been a privilege to see them grow and flourish into the fine young men and women they are today.

Orientation Day

The Year 7’s gathered on Monday for their Year 8 Orientation Day. The day was met with a mixture of excitement and apprehension, as students realized they had ‘arrived’ at the beginning of their High School journey. Throughout the day they had a chance to gain insights into the daily routines of a secondary setting, as well as experience some of our elective subjects. It was also a time that students met their Year Level Coordinator, key teachers and familiarised themselves with the College grounds and procedures. All in all, it was an important day for our newest members and gave them reassurance that they are in the right place and will be well supported on their journey ahead.

Year 10 Camp and Exams

Year 10’s returned from camp with many wonderful stories to share. It was clear that they were given many new challenges but to their credit, they met them with enthusiasm, creativity and a ‘can do’ attitude. Not long after their return they were put to work, preparing for those final examinations. I enjoyed seeing how the Year 10’s engaged with the Examination process. They were diligent with their study routine and they prepared well. I got a sense that they really understood the importance of the process and were proud of their efforts. On their final day, many students were recognized for their growth and contribution to our school community in the end of year liturgy. It was a wonderful celebration.

Overall, it has been a rich and rewarding year, filled with moments that bring us to a heart of gratitude. To all the students and families of Bosco Campus, I wish you a safe and restful holiday. I look forward to working with you again in the New Year.

Kate Kilpatrick,
Deputy Principal - Bosco Campus

Hannah Oborn receiving the Teachers’ Award.

Leo Taylor receiving the Salesian Service Award.
## Congratulations to our Bosco Presentation Night Award Recipients

### Year 8 Academic Excellence
- Stella Arbon
- Jordan Gorey
- Lillian Keain
- Sophie Millard
- Lucy O'Dea
- Euan Fetherstonhaugh
- Sufyan Hashmi
- Harry Mead
- Jamison Murphy
- Alana Zubrinich

### Year 9 Academic Excellence
- Hannah Bentley
- Isabella Cotton
- Meg O'Brien
- Clem Stanley
- Jai Thornton
- Amy Burgess
- Jack Dickeson
- Shammodi Santhosh
- Scarlette Thoman
- Ellie Todd

### Year 10 Academic Excellence
- Angel Allan
- Ellie Combe
- Aleisha Finlay
- Jessie Laforgia
- Harry Mead
- Maya Bessen
- Mia Dennis
- Dale Hoyward
- Eden Smith

### Stage 1 Subject Awards
- Stage 1 Drama - Ebony Bennier
- Stage 1 Material Products General Engineering - Edward Bray
- Stage 1 Visual Art Design - Keely Clonan
- Stage 1 Food & Hospitality - Gabriella Dennis
- Stage 1 Essential English - Samuel Ferme
- Stage 1 Nutrition - Emmerson Finlay
- Stage 1 Biology - Ashlee Fuchs
- Stage 1 Music Experience - Jayden Gonsalves
- Stage 1 Visual Arts/Art - Aysha Higginbottom
- Stage 1 Child Studies - Caitlin Malycha
- Stage 1 Physical Education - Jaikob Matthews
- Stage 1 Material Products /Furniture Construction - Anthony Oliphant
- Stage 1 Psychology - Nicola Turci
- Stage 1 General Mathematics - Gaige Wyatt
- Stage 1 Religion Studies - Courtney Soler
- Stage 1 History - Courtney Soler
- Stage 1 Legal Studies - Joshua Bishop
- Stage 1 English - Joshua Bishop
- Stage 1 Business and Enterprise - Joshua Bishop
- Stage 1 Information Processing and Publishing - Courtney O'Dea
- Stage 1 Agriculture & Horticulture - Courtney O'Dea
- Stage 1 Essential Mathematics - Courtney O'Dea
- Stage 1 Mathematical Methods - Eliza Watt
- Stage 1 Physics - Eliza Watt
- Stage 1 Specialist Mathematics - Jessica Robbel
- Stage 1 Chemistry - Eliza Watt

### Bosco House Character and Leadership Awards
- Year 8 - Harry Mead
- Year 9 - Millie Tubb
- Year 10 - Eden Smith
- Year 11 - Nathan Ibele
- Year 12 - Hannah Oborn

### Gallagher House Character and Leadership Awards
- Year 8 - Angus Combe
- Year 9 - Crenie Kumar
- Year 10 - Ellie Combe
- Year 11 - Joanna Lloyd
- Year 12 - Samuel Eades

### McNally House Character and Leadership Awards
- Year 8 - Alana Zubrinich
- Year 9 - Amy Burgess
- Year 10 - Patrick Connell
- Year 11 - Ebony Bennier
- Year 12 - Lucy Wood

### Stage 2 Subject Awards
- Stage 2 Visual Arts - Design - Tiah Gray
- Stage 2 Information Processing and Publishing - James Hunter
- Stage 2 English Communications - Millie Johnson
- Stage 2 English Pathways - Kia Tillbrook
- Stage 2 Mathematical Applications - Jessie Veitch
- Stage 2 Nutrition - Lucy Wood
- Stage 2 Chemistry - Brad Davidson
- Stage 2 Physics - Brad Davidson
- Stage 2 Material Products Furniture Construction - Caleb Thornton
- Stage 2 Material Products/ General Engineering - Caleb Thornton
- Stage 2 Biology - Annie Ford
- Stage 2 Mathematical Studies - Annie Ford
- Stage 2 Specialist Mathematics - Annie Ford
- Stage 2 Child Studies - Patrick Williams
- Stage 2 Drama - Patrick Williams
- Stage 2 English Studies - Patrick Williams
- Stage 2 Psychology - Patrick Williams
- Stage 2 Research Project - Patrick Williams

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- Year 11 - Ebony Bennier
- Year 12 - Lucy Wood

### Female Sportsperson of the Year - Emily Condon
### Male Sportsperson of the Year - Lawson Munzberg
### St Mark’s College Art and Design Prize Junior Winner - Georgia Tefs
### St Mark’s College Art and Design Prize Senior Winner - Chloe Anderson
### National Agribusiness Award - Ashleigh Ragless
### Alsanto VET Student of the Year - Caleb Thornton
### Salesian House Award - Patrick Connell
### Rotary Award for Outstanding Citizenship - Samuel Eades
### Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards Year 10 - Maya Bessen
### Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards Year 12 - Patrick Williams
### Elsa Chilvers Scholarship - Annalize Venables
### Soroptimist Award - Eve Cappelletto
### Teachers’ Award - Hannah Oborn
### Salesian Service Award - Leo Taylor
### Service to the College Award - Ella Gibson
### St Mark’s Insignis (Best All Round Student) - Lucy Wood

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Ella Gibson receiving the Service to the College Award.

Lucy Wood receiving the St Mark’s Insignis Award for best All Round Student.
Around the College

Mid North Tennis Carnival

On Tuesday 29 November, we participated in the Mid North Tennis Carnival at the Tennis Centre. There were 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams from St Mark’s that played against teams from Booleroo, Jamestown and Gladstone.

There was some quality tennis played, and it was a very fun day. In the girls draw, St Mark’s Red faced Booleroo in the Grand Final, there were a few close sets, but we managed to win both doubles and a couple of singles, which meant we won the shield for the day. The boys draw saw both St Mark’s teams play off for the top position. In a very close contest, St Mark’s Red won by 5 games.

Thanks to Miss Oxford and Mr Powell for running the day, the Port Pirie Tennis Association for letting us use the Tennis Centre and all of the other schools for travelling to play in tournament.

William Crouch, Kate Venning and Blake Burt

Year 10 Camp

Swimming, sailing, kayaking and surfing were all part of the fun and learning on our Year 10 Aquatics Camp. In the evenings, students got the opportunity to see a movie, join in a few games of 10 pin bowling and have some fun at Bounce.

During 3 days of Week 6 the Year 10 students participated in a 3 day camp that focused on a range of aquatics activities. The students enjoyed the dive boards and slides at the South Australian Aquatics Centre. They spent a day at West Lakes Aquatics Centre, participating in sailing, canoeing, surfing and kayaking.

They were also kept busy during the evenings refining their skills at the bowling alley and relaxing at the cinema. A visit to Bounce concluded the camp, and the students spent two hours jumping, summersaulting and playing Dodge Ball.

A thank you to all the students who participated with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure.

Jane Gibson,
Year 10 Coordinator
Around the College

Port Pirie Christmas Pageant

SMC Principal Mr Greg Hay joined enthusiastic Benedict students on the St Mark’s College float in the Port Pirie Christmas Pageant to spread some Christmas cheer and wish the community “Merry Christmas”!

Activities Fun

On Tuesday Year 3 Green and Year 2 Green went out to the oval and Wonderland to join in with activities with the Year 10s. We were split into 5 separate groups. There was slime making, Rabbits Hares and Foxes, Biscuit making, Golden Child and a treasure hunt.

First we did slime and it was very enjoyable and it was easy to follow the instructions. It felt gooey and sticky. The ingredients were corn flour, water and food colouring. Next we did a game called Rabbits, Hares and Foxes. The aim of the game was to not get caught three times. It was like Red Rover but you had three lives. It was a quick and fun game. Another activity was Golden Child. You play it by running around a basketball court while someone is shooting the ball. If that person gets the ball in the hoop you have to stop in your tracks. When the Golden Child comes around he frees you and you follow him to the finish line. In the treasure hunt our group partnered with a Year 10 and we won because we found the most tennis balls overall.

The Year 10’s led the games well and Miss B had a lot of equipment organised for us to use. The Year 10s were very fun to play with and we hope we see them again.

Year 7 Conclusion

Our Year 7 students were beautifully affirmed through procession, song and a release of balloons. Having already completed a day of transition at Bosco Campus they are excited about starting High School. Year 7 students gathered with their parents on Friday for a full Benedict Assembly and through prayer, story and applause we acknowledged their leadership and effort and wished them all the very best.

Year 3 Green and Year 2 Green students enjoyed joining the Year 10 students for a range of fun activities.

Trey L and Maveric C, Year 3 Green students
Year 9 and 10 Art

Year 9 Rite Journey

This term, the Year 9 Rite Journey girls classes have participated in a $10 Challenge. Each student was given $10 in their classes with the aim of fundraising that $10 back and making more to donate to selected charities. The girls were passionate about supporting teenagers living in poverty through the ‘Days for Girls’ Foundation and Catholic Mission.

The girls did an amazing job, raising huge amounts of money for their selected charities. Some groups made products to sell, including coffee scrubs, bath bombs, dream catchers and gift bags whilst others chose to provide goods or services to the community including a raffle, a sausage sizzle at the baseball, a staff carwash and bake sales.

The total money raised is well over $500 and the girls challenged themselves in various ways whilst completing the task. They should be very proud of themselves.

Jesslyn Oxford and Jane Gibson, Year 9 Rite Journey Teachers

Congratulations Hannah!

Year 12 student Hannah Oborn has been awarded the State Theatre Company Student Achievement Award 2016.

Channel 9 and State Theatre Company promote student connection to the theatre through this award. Each year four students are selected across the state who have made a significant contribution to Drama over their schooling life. Hannah has been an exceptional student on the stage at St Mark’s. Her involvement in Drama and the theatre arts is rich, full and generous.

We extend our congratulations.
What’s been happening at McNally Farm?

**Horse Course**
Earlier this term our two Year 9 Agriculture groups each had a full day excursion to Shan Daw’s farm at Gladstone to participate in a Horse Management Course. The weather was great on both days, and a big thank you must go to Shan and her loyal group of helpers. Thanks also to Joel Head and Brian Hayes for driving the bus and cooking the BBQ and especially our Year 9 students for their excellent interest and conduct on the day.

**Barramundi Processing**
Our Year 11 students recently processed our Barramundi. They vacuum packed some and also tried out our fish smoker with successful results.

*Paul Matthews and Sam Powell, Agriculture Teachers*
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SMC Soccer

It has been an action packed season of soccer for St Mark’s College’s high school teams. With two teams competing every weekend (St Mark’s Victory and United) against teams from throughout the region, and our knockout team making it through to the finals in Adelaide once again, the College has shown incredible depth and passion for the world game.

With strong numbers and a new format to the weekend competition our teams faced many challenges throughout the season but they battled very bravely to represent the College with great pride and dedication. Both teams made it through to the semi-finals in an 8 team competition where unfortunately our Victory team were defeated by a very strong Rangers team. On the other hand the United team made it all the way to the show piece event, the grand finale, played at Byrne Park under lights on a Friday night in September. Having already jointly won the league title with Rangers the scene was set for a fantastic final. Unfortunately the United team were defeated in an epic game. Having gone behind 3-0, with not much time remaining, the team showed tremendous character and resilience to get the score back to 3-2 in the dying seconds and only some desperate defending and bad luck prevented an equalising goal. Jake Noble played outstandingly well and for his efforts he was awarded the medal for best on field, however, all played well on the night.

Our senior knockout team continued the school’s recent success in this competition with a trip to Adelaide and a semi-final berth played at the Burton Football Complex. In a tense and exciting contest the team succumbed in a tight loss, to Cornerstone College Mt Baker, and eventually were awarded 4th place in a 45 team competition, an outstanding achievement given the popularity of the sport throughout the state. Our seniors also competed for the second year in a row in the Father Dennis Hanley Cup against Xavier College and although they lost a tight match 1-0 they again proved why soccer has been such a valuable addition to the exchange, as the two schools seem very evenly matched when it comes to the beautiful game.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players that represented the school this year for their commitment and effort and particularly their parents and caregivers for all the time they gave up supporting them. In particular, we would like to extend a huge thank you to Richard Procter for stepping up and coaching the Victory team every Saturday morning. Without Richard’s outstanding contribution it would have been very hard to support the two teams required and his patience and care for the students was tremendous. We would also like to thank the work of, Jess Oxford, Pia Keain and all the committee of the Port Pirie Junior Soccer Association for their excellent organisation and commitment to the game in the region.

Thanks,
Ken Fay and Damien Introna,
SMC Soccer Coaches
Port Football and Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 10.00am

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

Carols a Plenty
Sunday 18 December from 5.30pm to 8pm at Plenty Street Park. Carols, Games, Crafts, Christmas Story and Sausage Sizzle. Everyone welcome! Organised by Port Pirie Baptist Church, Hannan Street. Enquiries to Pastor Roger Kleinig on 0427 399 244.

St Mark’s College Cook Books
are still available for purchase from the Benedict and Bosco Front Office for $25.

Photos from the Cook Book are now on display at Benedict Campus and can be purchased at the Benedict Front Office.

BOOK PACKS
for Year 8 to Year 12
Are you looking for an easy way to get your child’s books and stationery organised for next year ?? Then just drop off your Book List and arrange a time for pick up - it’s that easy !
Available from the:
Ellen Centre Newsagency Phone 86 32 1902
and
Pirie Plaza Newsagency Phone 86 32 2508

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