



**ST MARK'S  
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**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION  
WEEK 2021  
COME AND STAY**

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Henry welcomed Bishop Karol on behalf of the Reception and Year 1 students

We gathered to celebrate the unique character of Catholic Education. We welcomed the Bishop. The new building began and parents arrived to keep the relationship. Our Mothers deserve a cuppa on Sunday morning.

### A Cathedral Moment

I joined the Benedict community in a Eucharistic moment down at the Cathedral last Friday. It was to celebrate the opening of Catholic Education Week and became a beautiful experience for us as a community. It was well organised. There were moments of musical celebration and quiet prayerful silence. Gathering with the parishioners for Midday Mass we entered into the themes of 'welcome' and 'stay awhile'. The themes were in the readings and in the gathering rituals. Father Jimmy spoke about welcome and there was a deep sincerity in his excitement to see us all. It is a huge space. It has echoes of sacredness, a quiet greatness, and it is the site of so much that is so important in the spirituality of Port Pire. I sensed that the students liked being there. Certainly, the Midday Mass parishioners liked us there.

It takes a bit of effort to get everyone somewhere else. Buses did their jobs and the students cooperated. The picnic lunches were stored. The groups were managed. Each hymn sung during the Mass had been practiced. The singing was a highlight. Teachers had done a wonderful job to prepare the chorale. This meant waves of chorus, rumbles of volume, confidence and prayerful musical enthusiasm. It had us all smiling. Gosh! in tune as well. The new Confirmation students were acknowledged. The First Communion students had a moment. We were celebrating our unique character; the special way we gather in a Catholic school.

At one stage Fr Jimmy invited us all to pray the Our Father. Simple enough. Everybody knows the words. It's scriptural, very important and off they went. This side of the Cathedral started and only a fraction of a second later that side started. The back group took off a bit behind and the parishioners got louder by

themselves trying to unify the noise. There was a stubbornness of prayer as each group was going to keep to their own pace and rhythm. No compromise. It was a canon recitation, a chaos of noise and it got louder as each group became more resolute to lead the way. In the end there were four smiling 'Amens' said one after another to conclude. I decided that must be what God hears every day as we all say our prayers. Lots of voices, independent, faithful, urgent and fun. Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

### The Bishop visits

The Bishop of our Diocese visited the College last week. Bishop Karol was accompanied by the Director of Catholic Education Ms Nichii Mardon and we were very excited about seeing them. They were able to meet students from Bosco and Benedict. We enjoyed a morning tea with Bosco staff and a tour of the facilities. Our Bishop seemed so pleased to meet the students and they responded to his warmth and interest. The Junior Primary Benedict students gathered for a more formal assembly. Student Representatives offered a statement of welcome and a 'five and six year old' comment about life in their school. They lined up and spoke. There were about ten of them. Each statement was a delight to hear. One boy, Henry, didn't have a comment. He had a symbol. He simply walked up to the Bishop and offered his hand in warmth and welcome and honour. It was a poignant moment. It was a powerful statement about young people and their respect and courtesy for someone so elevated in Church life. One girl, Dylan, said in conclusion and on our behalf, "Bishop, you are always welcome to come to our school". The Bishop smiled. There was affection and connection. This is a great dimension of our community. They learn hospitality at such a young age in Benedict and we were grateful that a Bishop showed such care for us.





The College has welcomed many families through enrolment interviews this week including Lara and her family, Luke, Annette, James and Marcus. Lara will start school next year.

### Meeting Families

We have been meeting with many families over the last few weeks. It is the time to talk about their application for enrolment. We are working in the process of interviews. The enrolment of a child is deeply important and the meeting is about the practicalities of the process but also about the deeply held values we have for welcome and partnership. The enrolment is about a family trusting this College with the welfare of the person whom they care for most in the world. Sitting in that chair, looking shy with freshly brushed hair and an innocence and hope, is the centre of a universe for parents. The responsibility for St Mark's is great. In our interview each young person is addressed and we inquire about their learning or goals or simply what is fun for them. It becomes a wonderful occasion of connection and a beautiful sharing of hope. The start and the beginning of this extraordinary St Mark's experience become moments of grace. It's a sacred really.

### The Building begins

We returned to school to see the Benedict building developments underway. Finally, we can see the shape and size, space and impact of the new Year 3 and 4 precinct. I was amazed and excited. There is much still to be done but there is a vast expanse of land and opportunity. Barry Ramsey Construction won the tender and we have been watching them create with such skill. Jo Court, the College Business Manager, is working hard with architects and teachers and the bank balance. There will be an exciting learning environment created. There's a bit of dust and a thump of noise. There are big machines and high viz tradesmen. There's a plan. Something special. The place will be extraordinary.

### Parent Teacher Night

I feel very grateful for the teachers and the families coming together for Parent Teacher nights over the last weeks. The experience finished the first term at Benedict and began the term at Bosco. People meet. People share

insight and offer support. There is information and planning shared. There are challenges and opportunities to discuss. Sometimes there is disappointment or concern. The centre of the discussion is the growth and wellbeing of the child. We talk about the excitement of learning and the progress being made. The partnership formed is critical in our St Mark's. The fundamental principle underpinning what happens is trust. How precious!

### Mother's Day

Mothers remain so important to us all. I thank them for Parent Teacher Nights and enrolment interviews. I thank them for supporting learning and trusting us at school. I thank them for uniforms every morning, lunches and Operoo, taxi driving and sport uniform, checking the reading, clicking the Seqta, keeping things organised, the pick up at end of school and the prayers at the end of the day. I extend my congratulations to our Mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day. They are the deepest expression of love. They are the eyes that see the true beauty in a child. They are the heart that always hopes and the person who powerfully protects. Happy Mother's Day.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



Building development captivated the attention of our 'Mini Mark-ers'

# Key Dates and Campus Information



Week 3: 10/5 - 9/4		Week 4: 17/5 - 21/5	
<b>Mon</b>	First Day of Winter Uniform		
	Confirmation Workshop (Year 7) Bosco Centre, 5.00 - 7.00pm		
<b>Tues</b>	Sports Council Benedict Library, 7.30pm		NAPLAN Catch up day
	Flinders University Visit		
<b>Wed</b>	Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews St Mark's Sports Centre, 4.00 - 6.30pm	NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7 and 9	
<b>Thu</b>			
<b>Fri</b>	Little Lions, Session 9		
			Little Lions, Session 10
			Year 2 Red Excursion
			Year 7 Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>Sun</b>			Year 7 Confirmation St Mark's Cathedral

## Benedict Campus:

- A warm welcome back to school to you all and an even warmer welcome to new students; Alexander in Reception and Yousef in Year 2. We also welcome Mrs Kayla Hastings who will be team teaching in Reception Red and Year 1 Red for the remainder of the year.
- The Reception and Year 1 students delighted us with the questions they posed to Bishop Karol during his visit on Thursday; *Why did you want to become a Bishop?* Nash; *What is your favourite prayer song?* Finlay; *Why do you have the cross?* Charlie; *Why do you wear that purple belt?* Hunter.
- We celebrated Eucharist with the parish community on Friday and impressed them with our singing, praying of the Our Father and our appropriate reverence. Time spent in the park was complemented by beautiful sunshine! Thank you to Mrs Katie Pole and Mrs Pia Keain for their organisation of the day to launch Catholic education Week.
- Winter sport has begun! I hope the students enjoy the camaraderie team sport offers. Thank you especially to the coaches, managers and guernsey distributors for the generosity of their time and experience. It is often a thankless undertaking with many expert coaches on the sideline. Let's remember it is about fun and skill progression at this age.
- Our first class excursion for 2021 kicks off with 2 Blue on Friday. We can't wait to hear about their adventures at Wirrabara and Laura.
- We will conclude Week 2 with the ever popular Parents + Friends Movie Night, students wore winter woollies and a pillow or two for a comfy and fun evening. The Year 6s will head back for the Year 6 Sleepover on Friday night from 5:30pm. Mr Arbon, Mr Ashby, Ms Gadaleta, Mrs Keain, Miss Kerin, Miss Lethbridge and Mrs Rafanelli are really hoping for some beauty sleep!

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, **Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus**

## Bosco Campus:

- This week our students met in House groups to acknowledge those who in Term 1 consistently achieved exceptional results for perseverance. The Outstanding Perseverance Award acknowledges students who have applied themselves consistently and with determination over a variety of subjects. I extend my congratulations to all the recipients.
- Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews started this week and provided an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to engage in learning conversations. These conversations are an important part of the improvement plan for each student. Thank you for making the time to have these conversations. A second Parent Teacher Interview night is scheduled for Wednesday 12 May from 4:00pm - 6:30pm. If you were unable to attend either of these afternoons, please contact teachers directly to schedule an appointment.
- One of the fastest growing sports communities is E-Sports. With a focus on communication, sportsmanship, resilience and discipline, E-Sports allows students to represent the College in a competitive sporting environment. St Mark's students will join this Australasian competition again in 2021 playing teams from Australia and New Zealand. Competition starts this week and we wish our staff and students all the best.
- Tuesday 13 April marked the beginning of Ramadan, a month of fasting. This is the holiest month for our Muslim friends, and I wish you all the very best during this time of deep faith...Eid Mubarak.

Mr Marc Forster, **Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus**



# Religious Education



## From the APRIM

We are in the season of Easter – a time of light, hope and new opportunities. Easter is also a joyful season and Jesus' wishes complete joy for us. While this is not always the case over the last two weeks we have had many opportunities to experience the joy of new life in our Catholic community.

### Welcome Bishop Karol

In Week 1 Bishop Karol made his first 'official' visit to our College along with Mrs Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education. We hope to welcome you back again soon so that you can continue to gain greater insights into all that makes us who we are.

### Catholic Education Week - Come and Stay

The theme of Hospitality for Catholic Education Week this year is one that is so much a part of our school.

Hospitality is...meeting people where they are at any point in their life just as Christ would have. We reconnected with the story of Lydia with her open generous nature. We came to understand how central the sharing of a meal is or sitting round the table to encounter others. We had a number of moments across the week to celebrate this significant week.

- I felt so proud of our students and our parish when Benedict Campus launched Catholic Education Week by joining the Parish Friday Midday Mass in the Cathedral and shared lunch together in the park.
- Bosco were led through an important opening ritual by Ms Clarke and our Year 12s where they considered hospitality and welcome of the stranger through supporting homelessness.
- We shared a prayer and some food on Wednesday and embraced the challenge to have a conversation with someone in our community we might not know particularly well.
- Andrew Chinn one of our favorite Christian singers visited Benedict Campus and shared the joy of music as a prayer and a way of expressing our identity
- Scott Darlow shared important messages of forgiveness, love, understanding, tolerance and empathy as a way of working towards reconciliation with God and as a nation. Scott is charismatic and connects so well with children of all ages across our College. My understanding of our First Nations people and their culture grows each time I share stories with Scott and for this I am grateful.

As a College we considered the impacts that those who experience homelessness might face. Throughout the week we fundraised and heard little snippets of information about it. I look forward to taking up the challenge of sleeping out tonight with some brave and compassionate members of our community. If you would like to contribute to the sleepout campaign, see the back page of this newsletter. All funds raised go directly to our local Vinnies conference to support vulnerable people in our Port Pirie region.

### Sacramental Preparation

The excitement of a sacramental milestone is building across the College. As our Year 7 students continue their preparations for Confirmation we are joined this weekend at Masses by the Year 4s who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in June. Next Monday May 10 our Confirmation candidates have their workshop and preparation night. It is a time for blessing for our families and our parish community. I look forward to the big celebrations. All key dates have been re-communicated via Operoo. Please contact your child's Religion teacher if you have any queries.

### Congratulations

My congratulations to Imogen Cadd, Oscar Mayger and Paxton Mayger who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the very first time this week. May this be a blessed time for you and your families as you continue on your faith journey.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



Tyron showed Bishop Karol the planet model he was making in science



Rory and Elsy showed their numeracy learning



Shahmeer cracks freshly made toffee with Bishop Karol

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# Catholic Education Week



Students were keen to engage with musician Scott Darlow



Year 2 students singing at Mass at the Cathedral



Bosco Campus celebrated the opening of Catholic Education Week



Sienna enjoyed the songs at the Cathedral



Ms Gadaleta blesses Leo at Communion time



Andrew Chinn performing with Airah, Jayah, George and Sophie



# Catholic Education Week



Chloe and Georgia enjoy a picnic in the park after Mass at the Cathedral



Year 6 students Paige, Emily, Peyton and Ryan processed into the Cathedral with their House banners



Polding House gathered at Benedict for Liturgy, before enjoying cakes



Alfe and Harry climbing trees at the picnic in the park



Hamish leads the shimmy at the Andrew Chinn concert, with Jake, Curtis and Henry



Scott Darlow inspired students across the College with his personal stories and teachings about Indigenous culture, pictured area Nicholas, Riley, Hannah, Bridie, Ava, Harper, Tex, Lacie and Amahli



# Around Benedict Campus



FAREWELL > In Week 11 of last term we officially farewelled long-standing staff members Rose and Margie



ART > "We were inspired by the artwork of Pete Cromer and used pastels and paint to create our own colourful pieces," - Ruby, pictured are Ruby, Oliver and Adelle



ART > Cromer-inspired pieces, Jace, Martha and Jett created



LIBRARY > Isabelle, Lily and Harper enjoying craft time in the Library at lunchtime

## Congratulations

### Term 1 Deputy Principal Awards for demonstrating an ability to get along

<b>6B</b>	Hamish Caputo
<b>6R</b>	Aiden Capurso
<b>6G</b>	Jaida Camporeale
<b>5B</b>	Ryleigh Nielsen
<b>5R</b>	Saad Shahid
<b>4B</b>	Ivy Goode
<b>4R</b>	Noah Saler
<b>3B</b>	Trace McLaughlin
<b>3R</b>	Parker Kelly
<b>2B</b>	Hudson McBride
<b>2R</b>	Isabelle Hutchison
<b>1B</b>	Cecilia Olsen
<b>1R</b>	Owais Saad
<b>RB</b>	Delaney Irving
<b>RR</b>	Harry Kendall
<b>RGr</b>	Bastian Loizeau
<b>RGo</b>	Ted Fetherstonhaugh

### Thoughts on ANZAC Day - 1 Red

"ANZAC stands for Australia New Zealand Army Corps." - Henry

"On ANZAC Day we remember the Army." - Finlay

"We wear the poppies to remember the soldiers who fought in the war." - Ela

"Some people make and eat ANZAC biscuits to remember the war." - Lahnee

"ANZAC Day is a special day to remember those from wars." - Carter



ANZAC ARTWORK > Rubi, Finlay, Eric and Fraser showing the Poppies they painted in recognition of ANZAC Day



# Around Bosco Campus



HASS > Our Year 8s have become entrepreneurs, creating their own businesses as part of their learning in Business and Economics. Pictured are Keeley, Hannah, Sophie, Alyssa and Mia-Lee with their unique business ideas



HASS > "Our Year 9 HASS class have been busy studying important times and events in history; as well as exploring the map of the world. We read and researched information about the Industrial Revolution and we learned about how tough it would have been to live in those times. We have explored information about the Colonisation of Australia and some of what happened to Indigenous Australians and convicts when the British colonies came and created a new nation. We are all very excited about the rest of our year, learning heaps of new things in HASS." - Jessica



TECHNOLOGY > Lachlan and Jackson make a wooden car



AGRICULTURE > Georgia learns to drive the ride-on mower



TECHNOLOGY > Meg and Jessica making wooden trays



CONSTRUCTION > Year 12 Furniture Construction students produced a Dart Board for their skills task, pictured are works created by Bade, Charlie and Nick who were thrilled with the end result



# Around the College



## Winter sport's 2021 season begins

All Winter sports are up and running for the 2021 season. My sincere thanks to our Sports Coordinators Mrs Belinda Rafanelli and Ms Mae Camporeale, coaches and volunteers who have worked hard to get things up and running.

A reminder that siblings are not to remain at trainings without a parent present. Coaches have a duty of care to the teams they are with and cannot provide adequate supervision to extra children who are roaming in the area.

In the event of inclement weather on a training night coaches will advise if training is cancelled by 2:30pm. After this time coaches will provide supervision at the training venue until all players are collected.

Player and parents have a code of conduct to ensure that all people can safely enjoy their time at sport. Please ensure you are encouraging and respectful in supporting our teams.

## Benedict Movie Night

After a year off (due to COVID) the P+F were excited to be able to host Benedict Movie Night this week. We are thankful to the students who behaved wonderfully, our P+F helpers and staff who made the night possible and to parents for patiently waiting for their child at pick up.

Almost \$1500 was raised on the evening which we look forward to putting towards various projects throughout the year.

Mrs Kate McBride, **P+F President**

### Soccer

Our Soccer season got underway last week. We have ten Primary teams competing in U7, U9 and Primary. It is pleasing with the change of times to a Monday evening competition, we were able to enter three secondary school teams as well.

My sincere thanks to the coaches for working with our teams and providing our young soccer stars with a great opportunity to be part of the game.

Please ensure you let coaches know if your child is unable to attend matches or training at any time.

### Netball

The netball season began on Saturday 24 April with the ANZAC Day Clashes. This year nineteen teams will compete from U9s through to A Grade. After missing the 2020 season it is great to see so many players back out enjoying the sport. I would like to thank our hard working

committee for their planning and preparation for the 2021 season.

Our first matches were played with a heavy heart with the passing of our long time player, coach and committee member Bianca McBride just the day before. We will be forever grateful for her enormous contributions to St Mark's Celtic Netball Club. As a club we appreciate the Port Pirie Netball Association's acknowledgement of Bianca's passing with a minute silence before the commencement of the Senior Games.

My best wishes for a great season of sport,

Mrs Katie Pole, **Sports Council**

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Colton and Nate



Jaylea, Bella and Olivia



James, Liam and Marcus



Bella, Eve, Ayrlei, Jaida and Natalia



## College Notices



### VINNIES SCHOOL SLEEPOUT

Take a moment to think of our students and staff 'sleeping out' tonight to raise awareness of homelessness! If you would like to donate to this wonderful initiative, visit the [St Mark's College donation webpage](#).

### New College Staff

We welcome the following staff members to our St Mark's College community:



#### MOLLY HEAD

##### 8 - 12 Ag Teacher

Molly, who is an Old Scholar, has recently completed a Bachelor of Agriculture and Masters of Teaching. She is excited to start her first teaching role at St Mark's College.



#### LEANNE KLEMM

##### WHS Coordinator

Leanne has a good knowledge of WHS in a school environment with the last two years being the WHS Coordinator at St Joseph's, Gladstone.

## Community Notices

### The Catholic Church

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church and maybe even becoming a member of the St Mark's Parish in Port Pirie, you might like to participate in some sessions that lead towards the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

For more information please contact Michael Preece  
E: [michael.preece@pp.catholic.org.au](mailto:michael.preece@pp.catholic.org.au)



### Walk Safely to School Day - Friday 14 May

We encourage families to walk to school (or part of the way!) on Friday 14 May as part of this national initiative.

**Port Germein Golf Club**  
Register at: [www.mygolf.org.au](http://www.mygolf.org.au)  
Available term 2 and term 3  
Saturdays at 9:30am - Duration 1hr  
(or other times via enquiry)  
Total Cost: \$40 (Equipment Provided)

Sports Vouchers Accepted

**REGISTER NOW**

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My Golf logo and Starclub logo are also visible.

For more details: Message Port Germein Golf Club facebook page, email [fethers84@gmail.com](mailto:fethers84@gmail.com) or ph: 0419 552 374



## Weekly Specials

### BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 3</b> Mon	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	1 x Taco	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50
Tues	½ Ham and Cheese Croissant	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Wed	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Beef Curry and Rice + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Thurs	Sausage Roll (small, homemade)	\$2.00	Chicken Risotto + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Fri	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Beef Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
<b>Week 4</b> Mon	Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$2.50	San Choy Bow + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
			Tues	Pizza Muffins
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Roast of the Day + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Thurs	Sausage Roll (small, homemade)	\$2.00	Chicken Pasta Bake + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Fri	Mini Quiche	\$2.00	BLT + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50

### BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 3</b> Mon	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Taco with salad + 600ml Zero Drink	\$5.00 \$9.00
			Tues	½ Ham and Cheese Croissant
Wed	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Beef Curry and Rice + 600ml Zero Drink	\$6.00 \$10.00
Thurs	Sausage Roll (small, homemade)	\$2.00	Chicken Risotto + 600ml Zero Drink	\$6.00 \$9.00
Fri	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Beef Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + 600ml Zero Drink	\$5.50 \$9.00
<b>Week 4</b> Mon	Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$2.50	San Choy Bow + 600ml Zero Drink	\$5.50 \$9.00
			Tues	Pizza Muffins
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Beef Curry or Roast of the Day + 600ml Zero Drink	\$6.00 \$10.00
Thurs	Sausage Roll (small, homemade)	\$2.00	Chicken Pasta Bake + 600ml Zero Drink	\$6.00 \$10.00
Fri	Mini Quiche	\$2.00	BLT \$5.50 + 600ml Zero Drink	\$5.50 \$9.00

Online Canteen Orders for Benedict and Bosco:

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