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As a College we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption

We celebrated Mothers and Mass and Olympic triumph. We said farewell to Nikki and Briony. Masks fogged up our glasses and the Year 9 Retreat was wonderful.

Assumption Mass

We gathered for our Mass to honour Our Lady in the St Mark's Sports Centre at Bosco. The morning was fresh and clear, dew sparkled on the oval, we were in casual clothes as a Salesian fundraiser and we were together as a whole school. There were masks and some very new students and a gentle cohesion as we gathered with Father Jimmy and Deacon Gary. I offered the following reflection to begin the liturgy.

We often say 'Hail Mary Full of Grace' at St Mark's. We say it in a morning prayer or a midday moment of faith. We may start a lesson or a meeting with those words. We are mindful that we are praying even as we say 'Hail Mary' as a sometimes unconscious prayer. There is no deliberate thinking about what the words mean. That's fine of course. I don't think Our Lady minds too much and no one says 'hail' much anymore. Unless its raining pebbles of ice.

Today we are gathered to think about motherhood. We celebrate Our Lady and we think about a woman who enjoyed the excitement of carrying a new life inside of her. We think about the miracle of a birth. We think about Our Lady carrying deep responsibility, the mystery of creation, the joy of a baby. That is just like Mrs Briony Pole and Mrs Liz Clarke over at Bosco and Mrs Sarah Freer, Ms Teresa Gadaleta and Mrs Nikki Edwards at Benedict. They will cradle a brand new baby very soon and that special life will make a difference. It's a bit like all of our St Mark's mums. Our mums carried love and allowed a preciousness to be created. That's you. Now you can journey into a great life because of their love. So, we celebrate the nurturing and care of Our Lady and how she allowed Jesus to grow into his divinity. We

celebrate our mums and mums in this room.

And we know that Mary is a great woman because of her role as a mother. That's just like our mums. We know that no one is more selflessly loving, instinctually protective, creative and caring, no one forgives more unconditionally and seems more powerful in the universe than a mother. Their love rises up into heaven. Mary was like that and I get that sense our St Mark's mums are like that. And mums in this room are like that and Mrs Pole and Mrs Clarke over at Bosco and Mrs Freer, Ms Gadaleta and Mrs Edwards at Benedict. Their love rises to heaven.

So we will remember that when we say together Hail Mary we acknowledge the power of love that is created because of a little baby – and a mother full of grace.

The Benedict Olympics

The great countries of the world gathered for glorious competition. The Olympic flame blazed fierce, flags fluttered proudly. There was cheering and national honour, gold and silver medals, zany past champions parading around, paparazzi photographs and a dais strong and ready to acclaim the champions. It all happened at the Good Samaritan Hall. I believe something a bit like that, also happened, at the same time, in Tokyo.

The Benedict Olympics were a triumph. All of our Benedict children were engaged in activities. They competed under the flag of a selected country and they earned points for an effort and a win. It was a chance for fun and fitness and the children also connected to a foreign place.



Celebrating the Benedict Olympics

The event concluded with a formal ceremony. Conducted by Ms Jo Wilson, there was a parade and a celebration of achievement. Some stunning athletes took centre stage. It was such great fun. The smiles, the cheering, the excitement. Great fun.

This is the Benedict that we love. This is the Benedict that COVID won't knock around. We are so sorry that families couldn't have shared the assembly. However, it's only three years to go until we do it again.

Farewell Nikki and Briony

Even as we celebrated motherhood in our full school Mass this week, we also celebrated the imminent arrival of two little babies. Nikki Edwards and Briony Pole temporarily finish their time at school to leave and have their babies. This is so exciting. These two women will now get a chance to focus on a new life and a new responsibility. We will miss them and extend love and best wishes.

Covid, Masks and fogging up

I believe that the next great invention will be the development of masks that don't fog up eyeglasses. I'm certain there is a fortune to be made there. I'm also certain that whilst I'm forever misting up, that it is a small part of a big response to Covid. At the moment we endure. Our staff are wearing the masks and the Bosco students are compliant with a few needing reminders. It is part of the Covid resistance that we must share. I remind our Bosco community of the mandatory nature of masks and also have a strong sense of collective responsibility to do the right thing. Sadly, mums and dads are still not permitted to share our school space together. Visitors are minimal and QR codes are being scanned all of the time. The anti-fog mask sounds like a great idea!

Year 9 Retreat

I visited our wonderful Year 9s to watch them enter into the spirit of their annual Retreat. They have taken a few steps back from their busy schools lives to think about challenge and

relationships, about the tender, sacred things in their lives and think about what they value. The Retreat was held in the context of the Rite Journey and good things were happening. Trust was established and fun was had. The power of words was discussed and some creativity was expressed. Just gathering and having a few games seemed fun. Just being together was important. Reflection was sincere. They were able to eat a significant amount of food at the morning tea and this did not impact on their lunch appetite at all. They are a wonderful group and they worked with their teachers in a really lovely way. It was another step in a Rite Journey towards adulthood.

School Survey

A reminder to parents and caregivers that our school survey is underway. If you haven't completed the survey could you do so before the end of next week. It is entirely anonymous and finds its way to Curtin University for analysis. We will receive a report when you complete the survey. It will be made public.

Please go onto the link:

www.NSIPartnerships.com.au

and enter the appropriate code:

- Benedict code: SMBLLLP
- Bosco code: SMLLLP

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



Our Olympic heroes who participated in the Torch Relay

Key Dates and Campus Information



In this constantly changing environment, we are assessing upcoming events with current restrictions each week. Please note that the below events are subject to change. Changes will be communicated to relevant families where required.

Week 5: 16/8 - 20/8				Week 6: 23/8 - 27/8			
Mon				Mon			
	Combined Choir Performance		Science Week	Tues		Benedict Book Week	Bosco English Week
Tues	Year 10 and 11 Career Counselling						
	Board Meeting						
Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day	Ag Open Days		Wed	Year 12 Mass		
	Year 10 and 11 Career Counselling						
Thur				Thur	Book Week Dress-Up		
Fri	Year 8 - 12 Online Subject Selections Open, 5:30pm		Fri	4B Excursion			
	Little Lions, Session 3			Year 8 - 12 Online Subject Selections Close, 5:30pm			
				Little Lions, Session 4			

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 St Mark's Parish

Benedict Campus:

- The last fortnight sees us still trying to work within and adhere to the constantly evolving COVID restrictions. A huge thank you is extended to the families and friends of Benedict Campus for their support with the yellow line and mask wearing. It is very much appreciated. We most certainly look forward to the time when you can visit classes again and join us for Masses, Liturgies and special occasions.
- As we wait for restrictions to ease so we can publicly acknowledge the Semester 1 and Semester 2 SRCs, SRC badges were presented to students during their class prayer last Monday. They are very proud to be wearing them and they are already meeting and contributing to school decisions.
- The 2021 Semester 2 Little Lions began their Transition Program last week with Mrs Pia Keain and myself joining the Little Lions' teaching team. Meeting these beginning learners was a truly inspiring experience. A very special thank you is extended to Ms Teresa Gadaleta and Mrs Micaela Porta for showing us how it's done and for their extraordinary organisation and preparation. Many new experiences await the Little Lions as they prepare to begin school in 2022!
- Our Sport Coordinator, Mrs Jo Wilsdon, organised a very thorough Olympic Games program for the R-6 students to participate in with the assistance of teachers and ESOs. By all accounts, much fun was had and many Olympic records were broken. Read comments from our students on page 6.

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

Bosco Campus:

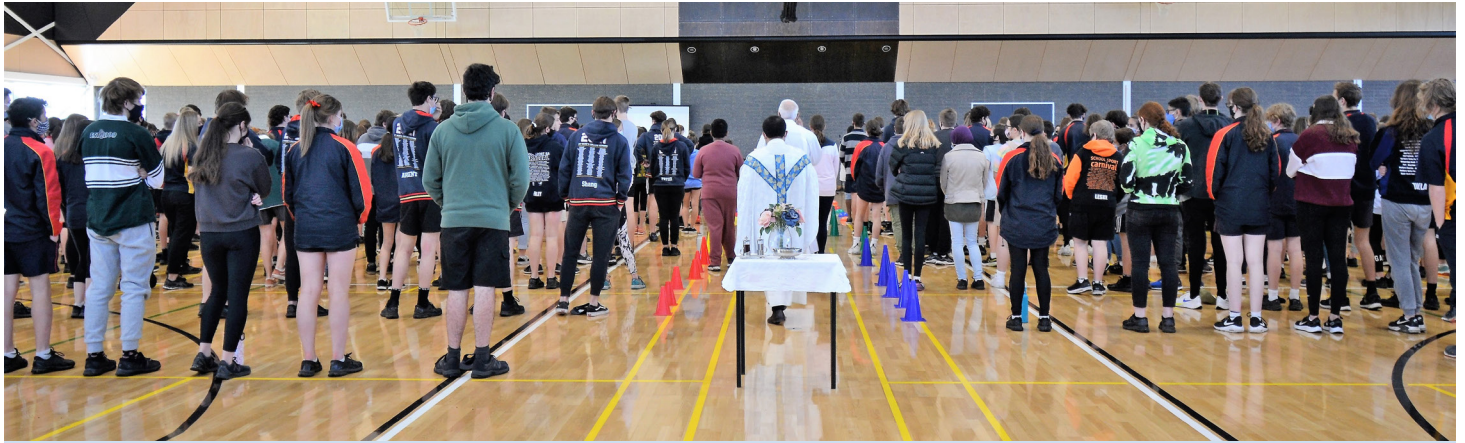
- As you are aware, recent SA Health restrictions have required Year 7 to 12 students to wear a mask at school. I want to say thank you to the students for their compliance with this. The school does have some masks for those who forget, however, we ask that students continue to do their best in remembering to bring their own mask each day.
- A reminder that it is important to notify the College if your child is going to be absent. This can be done by calling the Bosco Student Office on 8633 8801 or preferably by texting 0428 475 539. For families planning an absence greater than one school week, legislation requires Principal approval. This can be obtained through the Bosco Student Office prior to the absence.
- Our Curriculum Handbooks have been updated for 2022. An Operoo has been sent to parents of students in Year 7 - 11 with links to the online handbooks. We encourage you and your child to look at the subject offerings in preparation for Subject Selections which open next Friday. There are some exciting changes to next year's curriculum, for more information, see page 7 of this newsletter.
- SATAC Applications for courses starting in 2022 opened on Monday 2 August 2021, see page 7 of this newsletter for further information.

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

Religious Education



From the APRIM



We gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption

As we near the middle of the term, school life is busy with work to be done but also special celebrations to be honoured. Many of our students are having their opportunity to retreat away from their regular routine and look after their spirituality and take stock of where they are at on their journey in creation.

Feast of the Assumption

Today we gathered as an R-12 community to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. For Catholics this Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is when we celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven.

It is an opportunity to remember Mary's actions, courage in taking on challenging missions and her faith in God.

Mary has a significant influence on our Salesian charism where Don Bosco viewed her as a 'powerful helper' defending faith, hope and love.

Our celebration was an opportunity to renew our own commitment to be faithful people especially when faced with challenging times and tasks. We also took the opportunity to support our wider Salesian family by supporting the Furnishing Fiji campaign.

Special thanks to our senior vocal group who contributed with their talented voices during the Eucharist.

Year 9 Retreat

On Thursday our Year 9 students retreated to the Benedict Good Samaritan Hall. Students were presented with a range of experiences to find their best selves including pilates, candle making, mindfulness and song writing. You can see photos of the day on page 8.

My hope is that when I speak to them during the coming weeks they will be able to articulate the key messages of the day:

- humans are made in God's image and are deserved of the utmost dignity and respect
- humans are made for love and their identity is a reflection of that – if you love yourself you can love others
- "We can't know things like love and belonging and creativity and joy without vulnerability"

Parents of Year 10 and 11 students will soon receive an Operoo regarding their Retreat days.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



Bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine



Kailee and Amarlee made sculptures of Mary

SOUTHERN CROSS:

Click [here](#) for the latest edition.

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Welcome to our Little Lions



Welcome Eddy, Mackenzie, Jude, Nylah and Clarry



Welcome Henley, Emersyn, Scarlett, Archer and Deakin



Welcome Knox, Maddie, Archie, Connor, Olga and James



Welcome Ascha, Alessandra, Charlotte and Marnie



Welcome Aria, Isabel, Rayan and Emme



Welcome Parker, Anastasia, Indigo, McKenzie and Cameron



Welcome Aima



Welcome Alfie, Kobe, Campbell, Liana and Eli



Welcome Alana



Welcome Charlee

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OLYMPICS >

The energetic Egyptian team (2 Red) reported:

- We choose Egypt because Yousef was born in Egypt and we wanted to learn more about the country. My favourite event was the hula-hoop because you got to move your hips.
- By popular demand... Blanche (Beyonce) Gadaleta, the skateboarder from the USA was cool, rad and the best 'elite' athlete!
- My favourite was running. We had to run around someone and get back to where we started. We were being timed and I was 7 seconds. Blitzing Bailey
- My favourite sport was the high jump and I was the only Year 2 to get 3 points for it. I tapped the chalk over the 22 line! Jumping George
- In class, we have been learning about lots of different Olympic sports and my favourite was the running. We were so excited when we got the gold! Moving Millie
- I liked the long jump. You have to stand on the feet marks and jump as far as you can. I nearly got to the very end! Swift Sophie
- My favourite event was the discus (frisbee). In the practice I got a 3 but in the real event I only got a 2. It didn't go straight because it was so windy. Yo-yoing Yousef
- I had butterflies in my tummy and my heart was beating very fast because I thought we were going to get silver but then Mrs Wilsdon (Pierre de Coubertin) announced Australia (2Blue) won the silver so I knew we won gold! Rhythmic Ruby



ART > Eric with his Koala art piece



MATHS > Estella and Sienna matching numbers, words and objects



SCIENCE > Yousef and his Year 2 classmates enjoyed making ice cream in a bag!



LOCKDOWN > Noelle created an 'under the sea' diorama



MATHS > Colton and Frankie reading number words and matching them to numerals and quantities

Congratulations to our Semester 2 SRC Leaders!

- 6B** Tarisai Winders and Riley Dwyer
- 6R** Kealee Smith and Aiden Capurso
- 6G** Jaida Camporeale and Marcus Mudge
- 5B** Elise Yarrow and Ronan Schoeman
- 5R** Lexi Gebert and Connor Lavis
- 4B** Olivia Yarrow and Archer George
- 4R** Addison Murdoch and Cooper Malycha
- 3B** Lexie Camporeale and Isaiah Williams
- 3R** Ruby Henderson and Gilbert Hansen
- 2B** Lily Gadaleta-Neale and Oliver Yarrow
- 2R** Tabitha Goode and Rocco Capurso
- 1B** Lana Petagna and Spencer Deed
- 1R** Aubrey Ganley and Owais Saad
- RB** Delaney Irving and Fraiser Davis
- RGo** Mia Gray and Campbell Starke
- RGr** Estella Kambanos and Frankie Saracino
- RR** Ainslee Ferme and Dante Radford-Jameson

2022 Curriculum



We have released our 2022 Curriculum Handbooks ready for subject selections. There is a great range of subjects and look forward to some exciting changes next year:

- The introduction of Sport Studies to our PE curriculum in Year 11
- Psychology studies starting in Year 10, providing a great basis for studying this popular subject in the senior years
- STEM courses with specific focuses in Environmental Sciences, Digital Technologies and Biotechnology

Our Curriculum Handbooks are now available online, ready for Subject Selections which open next week: www.smc.catholic.edu.au/secondary/curriculum



SATAC Applications

SATAC Applications for courses starting in 2022 opened on Monday 2 August 2021.

Students are encouraged to use the Course Search function on the website to check individual course entries for information about course-specific closing dates. Students are encouraged to seek advice from Briony Forster, our Director of Curriculum or Mrs Sard, our VET and Career Pathways Coordinator. Below is an outline of key dates. Further information can be found at: <https://www.satac.edu.au/undergraduate-key-dates>

Courses starting in 2022	
2021	Event
2 August	Applications open for courses starting in 2022 (includes all teaching periods).
16 September	Offer round. Offers emailed by 5.00pm.
30 September	Application fees increase after this date.
30 September	Final closing date for Medical Studies/Medicine (including Bonded Medical Program), Dental Surgery, Oral Health, and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Adelaide. Late applications not accepted.
21 October	Offer round. Offers emailed by 5.00pm.

Bosco Campus



FOOD TECHNOLOGY > Chiara and Dakota taste-test their pizza swirls



CHILD STUDIES > Year 12s Ellie and Chloe create science with Jacob and Malakai



RETREAT > Zach and Tyler engage in a mindfulness activity with Mr Munday



FOOD TECHNOLOGY > Angus F and Angus T take pizza scrolls from the oven



RETREAT > Year 9s engage in candlemaking with Ms Ellbourn



RETREAT > Year 9s participate in a pilates session with instructor and Old Scholar Katelin Fuss



CHILD STUDIES > Tiah and Harry create a balloon car



CHILD STUDIES > Year 12 students conducted science experiments with our Year 1s! Pictured is Tia and Scarlett marvelling at their lava lamp.



CHILD STUDIES > Fraser and Georgia build a tower

College Notices

COVID Fee Remission



Lockdown has impacted our community in a variety of ways. College families who have experienced either:

- a reduction of pay
- unemployment due to lockdown

have the ability to apply for a COVID fee remission.

For information, visit our [website](#) or contact the College on 8633 8800.

2020 Yearbook Orders

Orders are now being taken for College Yearbooks for 2020 Little Lions and extra copies for 2020 R-12 Families at \$26 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: All families will automatically receive one copy.

THE ST MARK'S COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF

JOSEPH

and the

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT

NEW PERFORMANCE DATES: Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September visit northernfestivalcentre.com.au for tickets!

The poster features a white line drawing of a man in a long coat on the left and a white line drawing of a suitcase on the right. The title "JOSEPH" is in large, colorful letters (yellow, green, blue, red). Below it, "and the" is in small blue text, followed by "AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT" in colorful letters. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the performance dates and ticket information.

Weekly Specials

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	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 5 Mon	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$4.50
	+ Fruit Box	\$4.00	+ Fruit Box	\$6.50
Tues	Ratbait	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Pork Bites and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	Half Ham and Cheese Croissant	\$2.00	Schnitzel Packs + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Week 6 Mon	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
	+ Fruit Box	\$4.00	+ Fruit Box	\$6.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Wed	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Lasagna + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Beef and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$4.00	Lemon Chicken and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50

BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 5 Mon	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Spaghetti Bolognaise + 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00 \$8.00
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