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Year 10 students Skye and Willow showcasing Willow's Personal Project 'how to bake and decorate a cake from scratch'

This semester I have been teaching Year 12 Integrated Learning and I am very sorry this is coming to an end this week. As a Principal, I have always loved teaching and I consider myself a teacher first and foremost. Whilst leading the College is my core work, teaching keeps me grounded, connected to students and teachers and appreciative of the challenges that come with what is a rewarding but difficult profession at times.

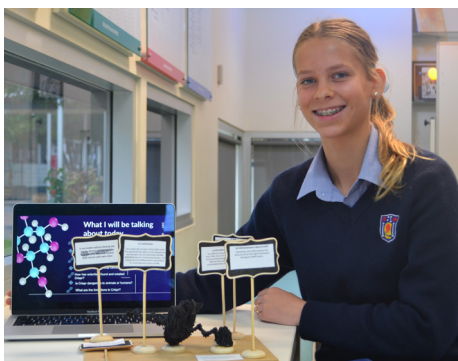
At Bosco, we reach the end of the semester this week. New timetables will come into effect from Week 9, with some students changing teachers. For all students, the end of Term 2 in a couple of weeks brings an opportunity to reflect on challenges and achievements, review learning and set goals for the second half of the year. Grades are not the be all and end all, nor do they reflect the sum of a student's strengths and challenges, but they are important if taken as a step along a continuum of learning. I encourage you, when reports are released, to have a discussion at home about the successes and build on these strengths to tackle new challenges next semester.

For my part, I am greatly looking forward to teaching Year 10 next semester as we work together through a new course to pilot new capabilities in the SACE, but more on that in future newsletters!

Independent Learning

Last week I had the pleasure of speaking with a Year 10 Personal Project class about their independent learning. The Personal Project is a course that gives students an opportunity to explore something of interest to them. They prepare a proposal for their project, reflect on their learning practices, and develop a product as an outcome. Some students researched topics of interest, others sought to develop new skills such as cake baking and decorating. The Personal Project has been implemented in Years 9 and 10 to give students agency in their learning and an opportunity to develop capabilities and skills as independent learners. I was very impressed by the conversations I had with students about their projects and congratulate them on their successful learning outcomes.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



Year 9 student Olivia with her project "What is CRISPR? And how can we use it to combat cancer?"



Kobi, Saxton and Harry with their projects focussed on sporting techniques and performance after injury in professional sports

Faith and Mission



Congratulations to our First Communicants Indiana, Sophie, Daelan, Eli, Oliver, Rocco, Sherdin, Curtis, Jett, Hudson, Fletcher and Jace

Staff Retreat

Have you ever thought about your spiritual path? Like most things in life, the path that each person is on, is individual and unique to them. On Thursday and Friday of Week 6 our whole staff paused for a time to consider their own spiritual path and the paths of those in our community. Consideration is important because we need to firstly reflect on our own path and the journey that led us here, before recognising where others are on their own path and supporting them.

At the retreat staff were invited to reflect on the Gospel of Matthew and the way we can be the people who show others who God is before they have had a chance to learn in our words and in our actions. It is written in Matthew 25:31-46, "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

On Friday morning each member of our staff went out into our community to be of service in some way. Some planted trees, volunteered at Vinnies and Goods on Gertrude Op Shops, some cooked for Fred's van while others cleaned up rubbish around Port Pirie. The staff were enthusiastic about the difference they had made to our communities in such a short time and connected their efforts the Catholic Social Teachings.



Staff 'planking' - walking and picking up rubbish



Staff visited our local Vinnies to lend a hand



Congratulations to our First Communicants Olivia, Lily, Harper, Jayah, Tabitha, Millie, Will, Noelle, Bailey, George, Brodie, Max, Alcuin and Poppy

Year 4 Retreat

On 16 June the Year 4's spent the day touring and exploring St Mark's Cathedral and the sacred elements of this special place. They joined together in a Liturgy of the Word to learn how we can all be as Yeast in our lives; rising up to challenges and spreading joy and happiness to others. To support this learning the students made bread rolls to share for afternoon tea after some other activities. This was all to continue the learning the Year 4's have been doing around the Eucharist and to show support for those of them who were preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

First Holy Communion

Over the weekend 26 of our students made their First Holy Communion at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at St Mark's Cathedral. The celebrations were filled with anticipation and joy and it is a tribute to the dedication of their teachers in supporting them through their preparation. My thanks goes to Mr Matt Mead, Miss Stacey Hier, Mrs Lia Haskett, Mrs Lauren Cable, Mrs Jenna George and Miss Brodie Nugent.

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**

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Key Dates and Campus Information



Our College Calendar is continuously being updated on our website: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/news/calendar.

Click to find the most accurate event information.

Week 9: 26/6 - 30/6			Week 10: 3/7 - 7/7							
Mon	Semester 2 Commences	SAPSASA Netball and Hockey	Mon	NAIDOC Week BBQ and Bonfire Indigenous Garden, 5.00pm		Year 10 Work Exp	NAIDOC Week			
	Benedict Campus Tour 5.00pm - 6.00pm									
	College Board Meeting Conference Room, 7.00pm									
Tues	Mid Year Reception Orientation Day 2 8.45am - 2.00pm		Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am						
Wed	Bosco Campus Tour 9.30am - 10.30am							Wed	Year 12 Retreat	
Thur										
Fri			Fri	Final Day of Term 1 Dismissal- 12.30pm R - 12, Semester 1 Reports issued						

Benedict Campus:

Orientation

On Wednesday this week we welcomed our Little Lions students into our school community for their first orientation day.

The Year 5 buddies were an amazing help on the morning. They showed kind and caring leadership qualities as they carefully guided their friend into the library, found a book with them and started to read to their excited friend. The Year 5's accompanied their friend to their new classroom for their half day.

Upgraded to a Reception, rather than a Little Lion, students participated in some literacy, numeracy, fine motor, and gross motor activities. Each child took home with them some work from the day to show their families.

We are excited to see them back for their second orientation visit on Tuesday.

Little Lions Assembly

On Friday we farewelled our Little Lions from the Semester 1 transition program. It was wonderful to gather with families to highlight and acknowledge their learning journey so far.

Supporting Mathematics at home

Using a variety of children's senses to explore concepts helps to cement mathematical concepts. The use of sight, touch, hearing, and movement allow students to make several neurological pathways in the brain, making these connections easy to retrieve later. Some multi-sensory maths activities to help your child develop their number sense are:

- Visualising using objects or manipulatives:** Using beads, lollies or cereal children can touch and move around make it easier for them to learn concepts in maths and other subjects.
 Students can use these objects to solve a division problem putting lollies into groups and seeing how many lollies are left over. Students can use these lollies for addition, subtraction or multiplication activities too.
 Moving these objects around and seeing how they can be manipulated and changed provides students with concrete ways of understanding how these operations work.

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- **Drawing math problems:** drawing a maths problem and being able to visualise and interpret it is especially useful to younger students as they begin to grasp concepts such as multiplication, division and fractions. If a student needed to solve the maths problem of 3×8 by drawing 3 groups of 8 apples is one way to visualise this.
This helps children visualise how adding 3 groups with 8 objects in it is the same as multiplying 3×8 , helping to solidify this operation.
- **Creating a number line:** creating a number line and plotting numbers in place along the line is another visual strategy that helps to teach the concepts of counting and placing numbers in a sequence.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

Semester Changeover

Today is the end of Semester 1 lessons. Students have received a hardcopy of Semester 2 Timetables during WRAP this week so they can organise themselves with the learning materials required for the change in subjects, know which days they can wear PE uniform and be prepared for learning. Semester 2 will go live on SEQTA to students and families on Monday morning.

For our senior students there will only be slight change in lesson distribution across the week and Year 12s will have more study time for exam preparation and major projects with both Religion Integrated Learning and AIF finishing up.

Some classes will have a change of teacher with some subjects being Semester based. We also welcome Mr Reece Snowden who will be teaching Food Technology, HASS and WRAP.

I thank Mr Allan Cadd and Ms Ann Russack for all their work in resourcing and supporting students in their learning preferences and pathways.

Semester 1 Music

I was impressed with the efforts of the Semester 1 Music students who shared their learning and talents on Monday evening. It was great to see the progression from our beginning musicians in Year 8, who for some it was their first live performance, through to our Year 12 students who have grown in skill and confidence as performers throughout their time in the Music program. Congratulations to our Music teachers Ms Fiona Clarke and Mrs Emily Smith and the students who showed their commitment to learning and personal development in coming in on their own time to take the stage and share their progress with their families.

Report Distribution

As the end of the term fast approaches I take this opportunity to outline our report distribution process. All students will receive their report published on SEQTA Friday 7 July. Please take this opportunity speak with your child. In that conversation celebrate the successes and plan for goals or areas of improvement as we move into the second half of 2023. School finishes at 12:30pm that Friday. I remind families that the final day is a normal school day and attendance is expected.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Benedict Campus



YEAR 6 > Our Year 6 students wearing their commemorative tops



ORIENTATION > Baylee and Ivy enjoying their first day of orientation



YEAR 4 > James and Luke participating in the Year 4 Retreat



PERFORMING ARTS > The students have been learning and having fun in Music, Dance and Drama



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions were presented with their certificates of completion at the Presentation Assembly today



MINI MARK'S > Grace and our Mini Mark's families enjoyed Messy Play at playgroup

Bosco Campus



HASS > Year 8 HASS students have made diorama's showing different land formations, pictured are Will and Kurt with their diorama of Crystal Brook



MUSIC > The talents of our Music students were showcased at the end-of-semester concert with students, staff and families treated to a number of performances



HASS > Year 10 students have been exploring the Australian Civil Rights Movement and creating their own videos and photo stories, pictured is a photo story by Aliza



DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY > Year 9 students had the opportunity to race the CO2 Dragsters they designed and created.



DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY > Year 7 students competed to create a bridge structure holding the most amount of weight. Congratulations to 'Bob the Builders' (AKA Dolche, Lexi and Tahlia) whose bridge held an impressive 64 kg.



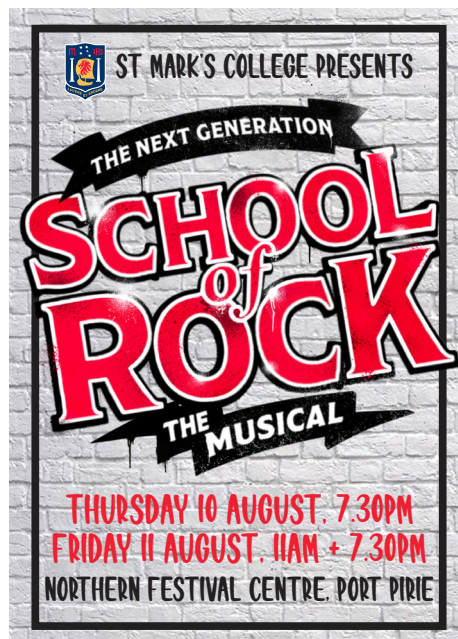
ENGLISH > Year 10 students created storybooks which were shared with their Year 1 friends. Pictured are Kodi, Indigo, McKenzie and Alex



YEAR 12 > Our Year 12s competed in a House VS House Netball competition recently with McNally taking out the win!

2022 Yearbook Orders

Orders are now being taken for College Yearbooks for 2022 Little Lions and extra copies. R-12 Families at \$26 per copy.



Employment Opportunity:

Boarding House Chef

Annual salary position with no weekend work, and all public holidays and school holidays also off!

Work hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 6.00pm.

Friday, 6.00am - 1.00pm

If you are interested in this position please send a current copy of your resume to:

jayne.james@y7mail.com or

For additional information phone:

Mark Walters - 0447 978 752

NAIDOC Week Bonfire + BBQ

Come and celebrate NAIDOC Week with a free BBQ and Bonfire at our College Indigenous Garden (Drage Street), Monday 3 July, 5.00pm.

To register your attendance, visit:

www.eventbrite.com.

Community Notices

A SAINT MARK'S PARISH LAUDATE SI' ACTION
We are all invited to come to Solomontown Beach on **Saturday 24 June** from 2pm onwards to either:
⇒ Relax and enjoy the beach OR Admire God's Creation;
⇒ Enjoy the company of other parishioners; take photos;
⇒ OR join in a Beach Clean-up near the mangroves.
If you can help, please bring your own everything: chair, picnic rug, water, refreshments; gloves, bags for rubbish, sanitiser etc. Some rubbish bags will be provided.
Come along to help save the environment and feel good!

To Portugal via Port Pirie
You're invited!
To meet the World Youth Day Travellers
At St Mark's Cathedral
Sunday, 25th June, 10.30am
Fellowship after Mass



PPEP TALK® NEXT STEPS

Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia (PPFA) welcomes attendees of PPEP Talk® (Periods, Pain & Endometriosis Program) and their families to attend a FREE information session.

Join Gynaecologist, Pain Specialist and author of 'Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain' Dr. Susan Evans on Zoom for PPEP Talk® Next Steps.

Building on the knowledge students have gained at our school sessions, PPEP Talk® Next Steps is an opportunity for young people experiencing pelvic pain and their families to ask questions and seek support for the next steps to take.



Wednesday 2 August, 7.00pm via TEAMS

To register, visit:

www.pelvicpain.org.au/ppep-talk-schools-program/ppep-talk-next-steps/



A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and its impact on your family
presented by Mark Le Messurier
Tuesday 4 July, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

To register, visit:

registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5305598

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Port Pirie and Districts Road Safety Centre are looking for volunteers!
Help as much or as little as you want.



+ Volunteer duties include, but are not limited to:
• fixing and maintaining bikes, scooters and other wheeled recreational devices
• assisting with educational training and guidance
• being a supportive role model for young people

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL

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Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Fruit Box)	
Week 9				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Egg and Bacon Pastry Roll	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Chicken or Lamb Yiros + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Fri	3 mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Snitzel and Gravy Rolls + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Week 10				
Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$2.00	Beef Lasagne + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Chicken Cordon Bleu Burgers + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Taco + Drink	\$2.50 \$4.50
Fri	End of Term 2			

BOSCO CAMPUS

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