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It's exam time for our Year 10s and 11s

A time for scholarship and a time to start school. A time to look immaculate in a Leavers' Top and the P+F have some plans to build our community.

Year 10 and 11 Exams

I have been wandering in and out of the Bishop Gallagher Centre this week and watching the intensity and purpose of students at exams.

The Year 10s and 11s have been involved in Exam Week and they have brought to school a firmness of focus. I have been very pleased with their response. There is a discipline and challenge about an exam and the students have taken that on. The students have been prepared for the moment and despite a few reservations are ready. An exam brings a new understanding of how our young people can respond to the demands of scholarship. Exams get them thinking. Exams get them to synthesis ideas and concepts. Exams get them to express themselves with logic and coherence. The students work under pressure.

This week they get to see themselves prepare and learn skills about interpretation, reasoning, recall and analysis. The teachers have worked hard in preparation for this and now the teachers carry exam papers out to the car at the end of the day and get them marked in time for the demands of a computer who wants to print off Reports. The teachers want the students to do well and most importantly the students want to do well. It is a great part of their learning.

Little Lions

It was my delight to attend the formal Little Lions Assembly, which was held to conclude the transition process of our newest community members.

It was a gentle, exciting moment of graduation. The Little Lions were definitely in awe of the occasion. It was a chance to congratulate them on their first formal experience of school and it was wonderful to see a number of parents and grandparents who were able to attend.

We shared through the assembly the commitment and the deep hope of partnership as we watched our young ones accept a certificate and stand to be applauded.

A significant symbol for me was the Year 6 Buddy students standing just behind them supporting them in the prayerful actions of a song that they had learned. I thought to myself that our Little Lions would be in safe hands.

I acknowledged in a few words that I offered to the families that the system could be a mystery and that the parents are giving us the extraordinary confidence of sharing the education of a child. It made the moment important. I have called it sacred because from the school's perspective there is a sacredness in the child and in our partnership. Then I spoke to the Little Lions themselves and officially invited them to school. I asked that they return next time wearing the official St Mark's school uniform. I ask that they come ready to try their best. I ask that our teachers continue to prepare good lessons and that the children get ready to join a wonderful community. Our Little Lions seemed ready; ready for a quality education; ready to join in fully; ready to roar. Congratulations.

Year 12 Leavers' Tops

There is a moment in the school year that creates much energy in the Year 12 Centre. When the Leavers' Tops are ready there is excitement. Specially designed, specially printed, specially naming the Year 12 group, the Leavers' Tops are a garment that defines and unifies. I have watched the delight and the pride as the students have tried them on. There is a freshness and an elegance about the tops. The tops look good but perhaps it is the smile on the face of the students who are wearing them that makes them look so much better.

The tops represent part of that rite of passage which concludes a students' time in secondary education. It is their symbol of uniqueness and

KEY DATES

College Board Meeting
Tuesday 26 June, 7.30pm

Combined Staff Meeting
Faith Formation
Tuesday 3 July

Congratulations to our Little Lions- Riley, Hudson, Max, Macy, Indiana, Emersyn and Erin

their badge of cohesion. There are rules about when they are permitted to wear the tops but we love to see them wearing something that shows that they are proud of their school and confident in their graduating group.

The Parents and Friends
I always enjoy attending the Parent and Friends meetings. It is a vibrant group who laugh their way through ideas and creativity and speak openly and honestly about community and parent issues.

The group meets twice a term and looks to support the College through fundraising, but more importantly, to build community and a special St Mark's welcome so that families feel connected. They are an important gauge for me of parent concerns and offer insight into responses about what is going on in the school. They often amaze me with their energy for creating events. I know at the moment they are getting a barbecue ready for the end of the term at Benedict and they have planned a community walk (Beetaloo Valley- July 22) that will end in a bonfire and be fantastic. They have a dream around a movie night for parents next term and a sensational Lego display for the children in Term 4. Most importantly they want to offer a cup of tea for the forth coming Grandparents Day (27 July) and a morning tea for the new parents whose children start next term.

I feel very grateful for their energy and commitment. They are a wonderful group who make connection with people. It seems to be a crucial part of our community life and a wonderful way to become involved. They are always looking for more members. Perhaps you might come on the winter walk and catch the enthusiasm?

Our Bishop
I had a chance to speak with our Bishop on the telephone. He has been busy lately and a chance to talk is rare. I was speaking in response to a letter he had sent. The letter spoke of new obligations down south.

"I am writing to you following the announcement by the Holy Father of his decision to appoint me Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This is in part to address some of the needs occurring in the Archdiocese following Archbishop Wilson's decision to step down from episcopal duties. The Pope's intention is to provide stability for the people of the Archdiocese and demonstrates his pastoral concern for you."

I wondered about the work load and the demands of being in two places at once. Our gracious Bishop reassured me that the appointment would not impact on his Port Pirie work. He spoke of a very comprehensive structure in Adelaide that will keep the administrative wheels of the archdiocese rolling. The tone of his voice was reassuring. Then again it always is. The calmness and clarity he brings to the responsibility was obvious. Once again, that is how it always is. The care for our diocese was clear and it always has been. We extend our prayerful support to the Bishop. He is an extraordinary leader.

Greg Hay, **Principal**

Our Year 12s are excited to receive their Leavers' Tops

Religious Education

From the APRIM

Year 12 Retreat
The Year 12 Retreat is a significant experience for our students. It provides a unique opportunity for them to reflect upon their life journey, to discern life's bigger questions relating to their place in the world, meaning and purpose. The Retreat is a three day 'live in' experience that will take place in Week 10, beginning on Wednesday 4 July and concluding Friday 6 July. Details and consent have been sent via Caremonkey. It would be appreciated if this could be promptly responded to by clicking on the appropriate reply. Thank you to the families who have already sent through their consent. If you require any assistance with Caremonkey please call the Bosco Office on 86338801.

Year 11 Retreat
Retreats are a key feature of our Religious Education experience here at the College. They enable our students to reflect in a spiritual way on important issues and ideas for their development. Our Year 11 student went off to two locations for a day Retreat today. The focus of the day has been Vocations. We will hear some reflections from the students in the newsletter next fortnight.

Vinnies Winter Appeal
Our Vinnies Winter appeal continues at Benedict Campus. Please send in blanket / clothing donations into your child's classroom by Wednesday Week 9.

Patron Celebration
Next week the four Houses at Bosco Campus will gather to celebrate their Patron and the unique charism that binds them together in their House Spirit. The Liturgy will be a celebration of the influence of that tradition. You may like to ask your son or daughter about their House and patron as a discussion point at home.

Service
Our Year 10 Students embarked on a Community Service Task this term. Each student identified a need in the community and gave two hours of their time to a variety of causes. It has been a pleasure reading their thoughtful reflections on the experience. Below are a few comments from their reflection papers:

I connected with the Community through Fred's Van by meeting the people who ran it and by helping and getting to know the people who came there. **Ben**

It felt like I was making a difference as these people couldn't provide for themselves. As well as the meals it also provided older people with the ability to have a conversation with someone who is younger than them. It might not seem like a lot to us but to some people it is the highlight of their day. **Leo**

This experience has benefited me by being able to be more confident and talk to strangers. I also saw how many people are poor and in need of help in our community. **Indiana**

I do feel like I made a difference. I had made someone's day a little bit better by placing a nourishing meal in their stomachs that they would not have had if I hadn't made it. **Caleb**

Doing community service made me realise what other members of our community do to help others. **Kallis**

I got a fair bit out of the experience. I felt good that I was making a change. I learnt that community service is quite easy and it is good to do with your mates. **Dylan**

It made me feel fulfilled and good to help others who deserved my time rather than wasting it on social media or watching TV. **Lucy**

Katie Pole, **APRIM**

Lucy and her Grandmother at Meals on Wheels in Crystal Brook

Molly helped at Riding for the Disabled

BENEDICT CAMPUS

From the Deputy Principal

New Families

During the last fortnight, Benedict Campus has welcomed Eva Paxman to Year 3. We hope you and your family really enjoy being at St Mark's College. We are also in the process of welcoming ten new Receptions with Orientation Days this week and next. Chloe, Emersyn, Erin, Hudson, Indiana, Keeley, Lucy, Macy, Max and Riley will be joining our Reception classes next term and by all accounts are very excited. Some are already very familiar with Benedict having completed the Little Lions' Transition Program and/or attending Mini Mark's. I can assure your families we are just as excited to have you begin your primary schooling with us and know your buddies will keep a keen eye out for you!

Photo Day

It is always quite the process photographing approximately 20 large groups and 400ish individual photos in a day, not to mention the addition of family photos but as always, the day runs incredibly smoothly thanks to the exceptional organisation of Mrs Gayle Dunning, the support of the Benedict staff, and the exemplary behaviour of the students. Each year we receive comments from the photographers regarding the positive behaviour and beautiful manners of our students. The day also ran very smoothly as students presented in their uniform with absolutely no concerns. May I take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and caregivers, for supporting the College's Uniform Policy, not just on photo day but each day.

Grandparents Day

Just in case your College Calendar has ended up on the bottom of a pile as so easily can happen half way through the year, I'd just like to mention that Friday 27 July (Week 1, Term 3) is Benedict Grandparents' Day. Due to numbers, the day will once again be run in two sessions. Students with surnames A-K, grandparents to attend in the morning and L–Z in the afternoon. Further details will be sent home before the end of term.

Melissa Gadaleta,
Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Little Lions Presentation

On Friday, the Little Lions celebrated the completion of their transition program with a special assembly in the Good Smaritan Hall. The Little Lions and their Year 6 Buddies welcomed families and friends with a special song, Light the Way and a special photo show. Mr Greg Hay, Ms Melissa Gadaleta and I presented the Little Lions with certificates and welcomed them officially as mid-year Receptions. We wish our Little Lions all the best as they enter Reception. We also look forward to welcoming our new group of Little Lions next term!

Teresa Gadaleta,
Little Lions Coordinator

Erin is presented with her certificate

The graduating group of Little Lions

The Year 6 Buddies and Little Lions performed a dance at the presentation

SAPSASA Hockey and Soccer Carnival Week, Adelaide
Monday 25 - Friday 29 June

Mid Year Reception Orientation Day
Friday 29 June,
9.30am - 2.00pm

Benedict Campus

Special Prayers
by 1 Blue students for Catholic Education Week

Dear God,

We thank God for this beautiful world
and our beautiful churches.
We thank God for insects and animals and
plants and flowers.
Thankyou God for creating people and
beautiful things.
Can you try to get Jesus back on the land and
everyone can be nice to each other?
We pray Peyton's mum and Ava get better
soon and everyone that is sick gets better
soon. Lord hear us.

Olivia

Dear God,

Thank you for creating our grass and
thank you for creating our world.
Thank you for creating our people.
Thank you for letting us have Jesus on Earth
for a little bit longer when he died
and came back to life.
Lord hear us.

Ava

Dear God,

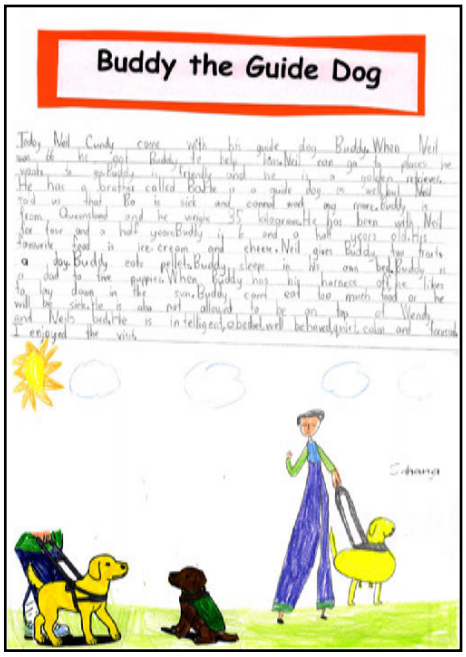
We pray we take care of our world.
We pray we take care of our classroom
and we pick up rubbish
and we be good in every way.
We pray we can take care of our books.
We pray our butterflies have a good life.
Lord hear us.

Mae

A Special Visitor in Year 2 Red

Our Year 2s asked lots of questions during a visit with Neil, Wendy and Guide Dog Buddy.

Neilwho is vision impaired visited Year 2 Red with his Guide God Buddy



Buddy enjoyed a pat from Bayden

Neil answered lots of questions about Buddy

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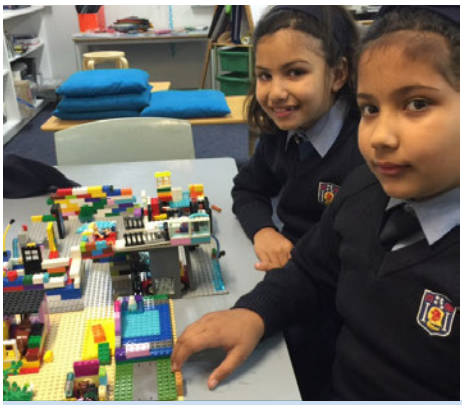
Lego Club Creations

Students are enjoying the opportunity to connect with others and use their creativity building Lego pieces during the weekly club.



Mina and Aiman were busy building

Mia and Sahana were all smiles

Xzavier and Isaiah were excited about their Lego creation

Jaylea, Rahdy, Jarva and Eva worked

Hunter enjoys Lego Club

SRC's Nude Food Pledge

Bailey with his reuseable sandwich wrap

During Catholic Education Week, classes at Benedict discussed their concerns for the environment. The SRC decided they would like to encourage students to undertake a Nude Food pledge. We are encouraging all students to implement Nude Food on Mondays to start with. Nude Food is about bringing food to school in disposable containers or reusable wraps, therefore reducing rubbish and waste.

Molly, Jack and Ariel created posters with ideas for how you can be Nude Food friendly.

We are hoping students and families will get behind this SRC initiative.

Reusable snack bag and sandwich wrap options can be purchased locally through:
www.facebook.com/kekkii
or email: tksims@bigpond.com

BOSCO CAMPUS

From the Deputy Principal

Year 6 Visitors to the STEM Expo

On Tuesday 12 June, Bosco received its first glimpse of the Year 6 students, who before we know it, will begin their transition into becoming our future Year 7 cohort. The students came as visitors to the Year 9 STEM Expo. This afternoon was hosted by a group of Year 9 students and their teacher, Ms Boston. The Expo extended into the early evening, where parents and other members of our community were welcomed and guided through a series of interactive STEM displays. I extend my congratulations to all involved and thank them for providing our community with the opportunity to share in their learning. It will be amazing to see what we can achieve with the new STEM Building due for competition later next term.

Research Project

As you walk through the Bosco Centre, you can hear a sigh of relief from the students, with Research Projects completed and ready for moderation by the SACE Board. Our students have put a huge amount of work into their research and should be commended on their persistence, resilience and determination to do well.

The Research Projects will be presented at an Exhibition Evening for Year 12 parents and caregivers on Thursday 28 June, 7.30pm in the Bosco Centre.

While the Research Project has come to an end, the Year 12 marathon still has some distance to go. I encourage all our Year 12 students to remain focused, dedicated to their studies and mindful of their goals and aspirations. The final weeks are fast approaching. Work hard, remain focused on your end goal and maintain your determination.

If any students are struggling with the pressures of Year 12, I encourage them, or their parents, to contact the Year 12 Coordinator, Mr Gibson.

Semester 2 Begins

Monday 25 June marks the beginning of a new semester and for many, this means new electives and new teachers. I remind students and families that there is a process in place should your child have reservations about their choices. Blue subject change forms can be collected from the Director of Curriculum, Mrs Meriam de Vries. Mrs de Vries will guide students through the process and support them in their choices. Students have 2 weeks to make any required changes, making Friday 6 July the last day to change Electives.

Report Distribution

As the end of the term fast approaches I take this opportunity to outline our report distribution process. This term there are several key events in the final week meaning report distribution will be staggered.

- Year 12 students will receive their report Tuesday 3 July during Lesson 8, their last lesson prior to Retreat
- Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 students will receive their report at dismissal on Friday 6 July, 12:30pm
- Year 10 students are on Work Experience during the final week. Parents are able to collect reports from the Bosco Office on Friday 6 July between 8:30am and 2:00pm

I remind families that the final day is a normal school day and attendance is expected. Reports will not be posted home. Absent students will need to wait until Day 1, Term 3 to collect their report.

Work Experience

It has been pleasing to see the eagerness in which Year 10 students have embraced Work Experience. This is an important component of our curriculum and provides students with an insight into future career possibilities. I congratulate all students for their organisational skills and commitment to due dates. This is an important employability skill to develop and continue.

Work Experience is scheduled for Week 10, Monday 2 July - Friday 6 July. I thank all the employers within the Port Pirie and wider community for their support of this program. I look forward to hearing about the experiences of our students and seeing some of the photos of our students in action.

Marc Forster,
Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Bosco Semester 1 Concludes
Friday 22 June

Bosco Semester 2 Commences
Monday 25 June

SAPSASA Hockey and Soccer Carnival Week, Adelaide
Monday 25 - Friday 29 June

Bosco Centre Research Project Exhibition Evening
Thursday 28 June, 7.30pm

Year 12 Retreat
Wednesday 4 - Friday 6 July

Bosco Campus

STEM Expo presented by Year 9 students

During this semester of STEM, students created their own engineering business, it's name, a logo and an innovative coding idea. The students created:

BotCo - looked at food delivery options in a restaurant, and programmed a robot to take food from a kitchen to a table of waiting customers. They also investigated the positives and negatives of using robots over human workers.

Game Lab - created a range of games for children with disabilities. The games had a focus on minimal rules and more on learning by play. Jennah was able to complete three different games that were set up for people to play with.

JH robotics - programmed a robot to work its way through a maze and hit a ball into a goal. This group also created a challenge for guess the name of their robot, using a range of questions around scientific and general knowledge.

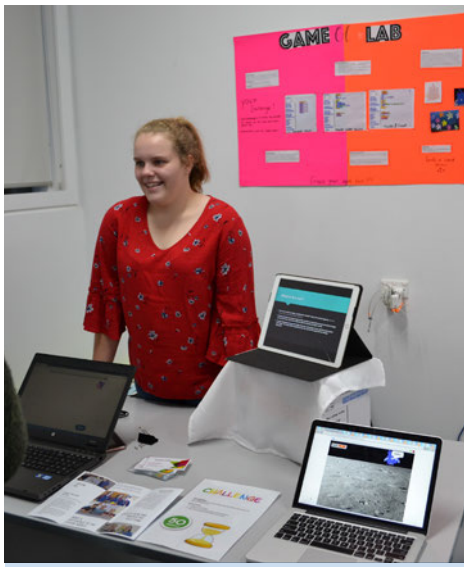
Emace Robotics - Looked at using robots for search and rescue missions. They also coded their robots to move through a maze. These girls also used examples of their coding to teach the Year 6 students to create their own algorithms, that could be used to code a robot to work its way through their own maze.

Epic Monkey Inc. - used a program called unity to design and code a racing game on an island. Members of this group also learnt a new coding language in python, which they were able to display in posters in their booth.

TWS Productions - Focused on creating a toy robot that could be used for entertainment of children. Their robot was programmed to dance to the popular dance song Cha Cha Slide. requiring the coding to be perfectly timed in time with the music.

Jelly Robotics - looked at the use of robots in sport and coded a robot to make the lines of a netball court without the need to walk along with a spray paint device. This group also had a challenge requiring people to answer a range of difficult and challenging questions.

Liz Boston, **STEM Teacher**



Jennah helped make games for children with disabilities

Laura, Brianna and Taylor of "TWS Productions" created a dancing robot

Our Year 6 students share their thoughts after visiting the STEM Expo.

I liked how the students taught us how they built the robots and the challenges were fun.
Jessica Evely (6 Red)

I like how they presented their work. It was very creative.
Jessica Doyle (6 Red)

I enjoyed how they made the robots. The challenges were fun!
James Gebert (6 Red)

I thought all the robots and programming was awesome!
Leo Cretan (6 Red)

I thought the Year 6 STEM expo visit was a good experience because we know what to expect when we get to high school
Lucas Manners (6 Blue)

It was a good learning experience to have a go at programming the robots – it relates well to the work we are doing in Technology.
Matilda Gebert (6 Blue)

It was excellent to see the displays to help us decide if we want to do that in the future.
Zara Clark (6 Blue)

It was interesting to see the work the Year 9 students had done and we got to have a go too.
Lara Mellow (6 Blue)

When we go up to High School we will know how to do the programming.
Kylan Malycha (6 Blue)

I think it was good because we will use that learning in our life.
Kloe Tyler (6 Blue)

Bosco Campus

Year 11s explore the Flinders Ranges

The Year 11 Outdoor Education students went of athree day camp to the Flinders Ranges. We had perfect weather during the days and freezing cold nights. The students were met with both the physical and mental challenges of carrying a heavy rucksack with all of their food, clothes tents and sleeping gear. They all said that while the days were hard work but they had a great time. They saw some beautiful scenery, ancient Indigenous art and felt accomplishment as they finished each day or got to the top of a hill. In their words, "it was worth every step".

I was most impressed with the resilience, skill and teamwork all of the students showed.

Tom Gilligan, **Outdoor Education Teacher**

Enjoying a rest and the beautiful view

Climbing to great heights

Creative Arts Showcase

Our College community are invited to enjoy an evening of art, design, drama and music at Bosco Campus.

Ryan, Tyson and Luke with their art pieces

Angel at work in Year 12

Ebony performing in Year 9 Drama

Ben and Jai in Year 11 Music

Creative Arts Showcase

Artwork by Bernadette Dickson (Year 9 Design)

Come celebrate the Creative Arts at St Mark's College!

Exhibitions and performance are a fundamental part of the Arts learning experience. The Creative Arts Showcase is an opportunity for students to present their learning throughout Semester One. Drama and Music students will perform pieces from throughout the year to date, while Visual Arts and Design students will exhibit works from Semester One classes.

When: Wednesday 27th June (Week 9), 6.30pm (performances begin at 6.45 after introduction from Creative Arts captain)
Where: Bishop Gallagher Centre (BGC), St Mark's College Bosco Campus.

Drinks and light refreshments provided.

College Sport

Mark Jamar 9 – A – Side Football Carnival

The Year 8 and 9 boys enjoyed working together as a team

On 30 May all of the Year 8 and 9 students braved the wintery conditions and competed in the Mark Jamar 9-a-side Football Carnival at the Senate Road Complex.

St Mark's played against teams from John Pirie Secondary School, Mid North Christian College and Port Broughton Area School. The day was a huge success in providing fun, enjoyment and the opportunity to participate in some light-hearted, competitive football.

On the day St Mark's were successful in every division, winning the Year 9 Boys shield, Year 8 Boys shield, Year 8/9 Girls Div 1 and the Div 2 shield. St Mark's were then crowned the winner of the overall shield for the most successful school.

A big thankyou goes to all of the Year 10 students who helped to coach and umpire throughout the day, your patience and enthusiasm was fantastic. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the spirit of the competition or helped on the day. It was a successful day, with the students representing St Mark's with pride.

Damien Introna, **Bosco Sports Coordinator**

The girls enjoyed the fun and competition of the day

Tyson is tackled by the opposition

Bree takes a kick

Ryan shrugs off a tackle

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Upcoming P+F Events

Support our school with these fundraising activities!

Community Notices

Seeking Principal Volunteer for Fred's Van

St Vincent de Paul - Fred's Van service has been running for the past four years and require a volunteer to coordinate the weekly service and teams working at the Port Pirie site which operates on a Sunday evening. Our service connects with the community by providing a weekly, free, nutritious, hot meal to those in the community who are experiencing homelessness, marginalised, at risk of homelessness and families with financial difficulties.

To find out more information, please contact Teresa Branch on 0419 857 966.

Kidsflix- Hotel Transylvania 3

Kidsflix is an event for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation.

When:	Sunday 12 August 2018
Where:	Cinema Augusta, 9 Carlton Parade, Port Augusta
Time:	10am kids activities start 11am movie screening
Cost:	Free

The child must be 16 years or under and be living with a chronic illness, disability or in a disadvantaged situation. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult (18+) at all times.

Ticket applications close Wednesday 1 August.
For information contact Anna:
E: kidsflix@arthritissa.org.au
P: (08) 8423 0949

Little Shop of Horrors presented by the Magpie Warblers

Port Pirie (Northern Festival Centre)
27 and 28 of July, click belowto purchase tickets:
https://www.countryarts.org.au/events/little-shop-of-horrors/

Port Football & Community Sporting Club
Open daily from 9.00am