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Little Lions student Carter gets sprayed in yellow at the Community Colour Burst 2.0 (photo credit: Ethan Nitz Photography)

There was colour and exploration, sacredness and celebration. We began our term with a burst of enthusiasm and gratitude.

Colour Burst

The Colour Burst was extraordinary. It was an enormous community event and created hundreds of running, laughing 'rainbow warriors' with an explosion of coloured powder that was showered with abandon. I couldn't believe how much fun we had running through MFS water and then bursting into billows of colour. Hundreds walked or ran into the misty clouded tints. There were five charities and 550 being assaulted with laughter and fountains of powder. I congratulate the organisers. They had arrived at 6.00am to set up. The P+F were focussed, efficient and simply wonderful. There was welcome and a thoroughness of organisation. There was excitement and fantastic fundraising. I had my face painted by Fiona Clark and hair dyed by Karen Murphy's team and I loved the cordon bleu touch that Andrew Gebert put on my early morning sausage and bread. I blew up helium balloons with a team and Emma Perry turned our display into an artwork. I wore my especially prepared T Shirt, too soon to be destroyed, and got caught up in Daniel Lauder's enthusiasm and charming administrative certainty. Rainbow headbands were de rigueur and I listen to Brett Swenson's 1980s music that created our carnival atmosphere. I followed Fiona Perry in a YMCA warm up, stretching and extending and looking like a clown and then rejoiced at the excitement at the start. We were united. There were too many smiles to argue with that.

It was an outstanding expression of the quality of our community and the expertise of our P+F. It was the most photographed event in the history of St Mark's. It was a stunning success and I extend my congratulations. And the College was back to normal quite quickly. Well, there were bits of pink lawn and a path of green, and a blue roadway but the students only took a few days to get all of that colour out of their hair.

Mini Mark's

The Mini Mark's program is a delight. About 50 very small but determined and curious human beings visited and delighted us by exploring much of the Benedict Junior Primary. Mini Mark's is held in the holidays and is an informal play group. There were many babies, and many mums, and some dads, and I feel very grateful for the initiative of Catherine Caspers and the early learning teachers Katie Pole and Sophie Porcelli. This was a gentle nurturing in the mid holidays. There was busy exploration, fun activities and children certainly seemed ready to dance.

Farewell Year 12s

The 'Candle Mass' is a traditional whole school gathering which is so precious to us. It takes place with some wonderful rituals and symbols. Many families are present and we get a chance to say farewell to the Year 12s. There is rich unity and an important sense of ceremony, even in the open space of Bosco Oval. The event is full of gratefulness and love and excitement. Moments that touched our hearts included a hymn of farewell composed



Reception student Jayah farewells her cousin, Year 12 student Isabella at the Candle Mass

KEY DATES



Our 2020 College Captains, Harry and Chloe with 2019 Captains Millie and Jack and Mr Hay

by Fiona Clark and some staff and an offertory procession by Kayla Yarrow (Year 12), Oliver Yarrow (Reception) and Olivia Yarrow (Year 2). There was an exchange of candles from the Receptions to the 12s and outstanding speeches from Captains Millie Tubb and Jack Dickeson. Father Jimmy brought a gentle sensitivity to our gathering. This Mass is about connecting to a deep sacredness and it is about applauding achievement and saying farewell. I felt so proud of our Year 12s. I was grateful for the trust of their parents. They have done well together.

Old Scholars

The College invited old scholars to a school reunion tour last week. It was held on Saturday evening and we enjoyed the company of about 75 people returning to surprises and hazy memory and reconnection with each other. The defining feature of the return was the stories told. There was so much stored in hearts; so much that a gathering like this can arouse with the telling of tales. I was touched by the speeches of the representatives. Jack Keain (79), Stephen Pisani (89), Luisa Featherstonhaugh (99) and Lucinda Porcelli (09) spoke with warmth and humour, gratitude and reverence. I was proud of the values that underpinned their memories. Amongst us was Fr Lawrie Moate, a past Principal. He had come over from Melbourne. I think that I was proud because I wanted him to know that all the Salesians had worked for was ongoing. All of those important values of welcome and care, of celebration and excellence seemed to be on show. There were so many outstanding visitors. We were all proud.

Salesian House End of Year Liturgy

There is a formal farewell to the Boarding Community at the beginning of Term 4. This is the last time the group will be able to assemble in its entirety. The Year 12s (only two this year) are given a special farewell and the boarders are reminded of how precious the tone and culture of Salesian House is. The gathering was a beautiful and caring expression of the year together. There was a simple liturgy and a full supper. There were gentle words from the boarders and Chris Malycha spoke on

behalf of the parents. They seemed proud and enthusiastic about the boarding experience. I am grateful for the work of Denise Arbon. The students talked so often of their confidence and gratitude to her. They have all been connected to the welcome and goodness. I saw the special cohesion in the gathering. It was a lovely event.

New Captains

I announced the new College Captains for 2020 at the conclusion of the Year 12 Mass. As the Year 12s prepared to leave us it seemed appropriate to let the community know that two young people had been chosen from their Year 11 peers to accept the opportunity of leadership. Two young people are now to step into the shoes of Captaincy. Chloe Hillier and Harry Mead will be our new College Captains. They are exemplary young people and we offer them our support and best wishes as they humbly accepted the positions at our recent Mass.

Survey

There will be a Parent Satisfaction Survey sent out next week. It will be an anonymous online series of questions that help us understand what you are thinking and what is important. The questions are the same as last year and the responses are read very closely. My request is that you take 10 minutes with the survey and help us to improve this beautiful College.

Greg Hay, Principal



Denise awards Clayton Agnew the Salesian House Award for 2019

Bosco Prize Exhibition Launch

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm
in the BGC

Sports Council

Tuesday 29 October

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 5 November

Religious Education



From the APRIM



House Parents Denise and David with Year 12s Jac and Louise at the Salesian House Liturgy

Salesian House Farewells

Our Salesian House Community gathered together as a whole group for the last time in 2019. After this week the Year 12 Boarders depart to prepare for exams and finish their final assessments. It was an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful year of community they have shared in Salesian House this year. We acknowledged the time of our two Year 12s Jack and Louise who will move on to new ventures. They delightfully shared some special memories of their time in Salesian House.

Farewell to our Year 12s

Our school's tradition of farewelling and honouring our Year 12 students is very rich. Our longest and most anticipated tradition of farewell is when we all gathered on Bosco Oval as a College community to say 'goodbye and good luck'. The Reception students proudly represented us all in wishing them well by presenting them with a candle. Thursday evening was a time for the Year 12 students and their families to gather and give thanks for their time at St Mark's College. It was a rite of passage. We recognised the past and had prayers for many blessings to be bestowed on them in the future. We wish them God's blessing as they continue on their journey of life.

Reconciliation

Our Year 3 students are now undertaking the Sacramental Program as part of the Religious Education lessons. During this time the students who choose to do so are prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of this experience all Year 3 students will have brought home a Prayer Package to use in the family home. This is an opportunity for your child to develop skills and the family to spend quality time together. Please support your child with this initiative.

A reminder for those children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation of the Commitment Program dates:

- 9/10 November- Rite of Welcome
- 16/17 November- Present Footprints and Prayer Cards
- 20 November- Sacrament of Reconciliation Liturgy, 7pm Cathedral

Mission Month

October is Catholic Mission Month. Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World'. The Extraordinary Missionary Month is an invitation for all to join in and do something extraordinary for mission.

As a College we will undertake activities on Friday 15 November to create awareness and raise funds for this cause. Details will be sent home next week outlining the events for each campus.

Katie Pole, APRIM



Year 6s brought forward the Gospel at the Candle Mass



Olivia, Kayla and Oliver Yarrow brought the gifts forward



The Bosco Vocal Group sang a song prepared specially for our Year 12s by Fiona Clarke



Prayers of the Faithful were read by our Boarders at the Salesian House Liturgy

From the Deputy Principal

Term 4 Changes

It was wonderful to welcome back some staff at the beginning of Term 4. Mrs Angela Jordan, Mrs Belinda Rafanelli, Mrs Meredyn Bell, Mrs Annie Keane and Mrs Jane Munday came back from their travels. We also warmly welcome back Deputy Principal Ms Melissa Gadaleta who is increasing her workload throughout Term 4 with her much improved health. It is lovely to have her back amongst us.

This term we welcome a new student in 5 Blue Tommy Maksimovic. We welcome both Tommy and his family to our community and hope you all enjoy your time with us. We were also reunited with an old scholar back this week, Miss Hannah Mezzino. She will be undertaking a Teaching Placement in Reception Blue with Ms Nikki Caputo.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6s travelled to Port Augusta for their aquatics experience and overnight camp in 2 groups at the end of this week. Mr Matt Mead and Mrs Gayle Dunning have been instrumental in the planning of the camp, ensuring a most wonderful time will be had. Thank you to accompanying teachers Mrs Pia Keain, Mr Bret Swensson, Mr Caleb Brown, Mrs Lauren Cable and Mrs Jo Wilsdon for overseeing this experience for our students.

Colour Burst 2.0

Our dedicated and extremely hard-working Parents and Friends Committee hosted the Community Colour Burst on Sunday 13 October. It was an outstanding success raising much needed funds for vital services within our local

community. Thank you to all who came along and joined in all the fun. It was a great success.

Upcoming Events

- SAPSASA INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DAY Thursday 31 October (Back up day 1 November) 2019
- RECEPTION STUDENTS PARENT MEETING Wednesday 6 November, Magdalen Centre, 5:30pm
- REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER SERVICE Monday 11 November

R-12 Farewell Mass

Thank you to the many people who contributed in preparing for the much anticipated Farewell to our Year 12 students in the form of a College Mass. The Receptions represented Benedict Campus with their 'candle role' and I'm grateful to their teachers Miss Nikki Caputo, Ms Teresa Gadaleta, Mrs Angela Jordan, Mrs Katiana Saler and Miss Sophie Porcelli for the behind the scenes preparation. A special thank you to Mrs Pia Keain, for her input and support in preparing students for the liturgy.

Hats

As we begin to enter the summer months, I remind students that hats are a compulsory component of the school uniform during Term 4. It has been pleasing to see so many students adhering to this policy. Students not wearing a hat during PE, recess or lunch will be required to sit inside or under shade.

Mrs Katie Pole,

Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Earn and Learn Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected the Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths this year. We were fortunate enough to be able to add some more instruments to our Music Room which the students enjoy playing:

I like playing the instruments as you get to make different sounds. You can make sounds loud or soft. **Brodie Lorusso, 2B**

I like Music because when you play the instruments you hear it and it sounds really nice. **Jack Porta, 2B**

I like the instruments because we can play great music and make all different sounds. **Peyton Talbot, 2B**

I like playing the instruments because they are fun to play with and they clear my mind. **Elliza Dwyer, 2B**

Mrs Karen Davison,

Music, Dance and Drama Teacher



Peyton, Kian, Chayse and Elliza making music



Curtis and Mariana playing bongo drums

SAPSASA Interschool Sports Day
Thursday 31 October
(Back Up- Friday 1 November)

Little Lions
Friday 1 November
Friday 8 November

SAPSASA State Cricket and Tennis Week Adelaide
Monday 4 - Friday 8 November

2020 Reception Students Parent Meeting
Wednesday 6 November,
5.30pm in the
Magdalen Centre

Bosco Prize Exhibition Launch

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm
in the BGC

Year 9 Camp

Tuesday 29 October -
Friday 1 November

SAPSASA Interschool Sports Day

Thursday 31 October
(Back Up - Friday 1 November)

Year 8 Camp

Monday 4 - Friday 8 November

Year 12 Exams Commence

Monday 4 November

SAPSASA State Cricket and Tennis Week Adelaide

Monday 4 - Friday 8
November

From the Deputy Principal

Farewell to the class of 2019

We gathered this week to say goodbye to the class of 2019. Our farewell traditions continue to be a feature of the College as students, teachers and families gathered together to honour our Year 12 students. Like many, I look forward to seeing the photos online. These are moments in time captured. They are a great symbol of our Salesian spirit. Our Captains made their final address; they are accomplished individuals who spoke with insight and eloquence. They have been wonderful ambassadors for the College. I have included a few short excerpts from their speeches below:

"The culture of the school is always one that has been held to the highest of standards. Constantly being surrounded by teachers that are not only willing to teach but are also willing to go over and above to help students is amazing."

*"I am proud to be a part of such a culturally and spiritually rich College that has taught me many important lessons. St Mark's nurtures a very inclusion religious atmosphere, allowing students with many different beliefs to come together and create a very special place."
- Jack Dickeson, College Captain*

"The relationship shared between teachers and students at the College is something that I truly value. They encourage and support us to reach our full potential, are passionate about learning and providing an outstanding education for us, but most of all, they treat us with care and respect which is returned by students."

"I have made so many memories at St Mark's and am sad to be leaving. I have enjoyed my 13 years here and are so grateful that I got to spend it with so many amazing people. St Mark's has taught me so many life lessons that I will continue to use as I journey on to my new chapters in life." - Millie Tubb, College Captain

Summer is here!

As we begin to enter the summer months, I remind students that hats are a compulsory component of the school uniform during Term 4. Students not wearing a hat during PE, recess or lunch will be required to sit inside or under shade.

Salesian House

On Sunday our Boarding students and families along with St Mark's teachers gathered to for their End of Year Liturgy. It was a time to celebrate the wonderful year that has been, and a time to say farewell to the Year 12's. The Year 12 Boarders led the Liturgy and shared insights into their journey and time at Salesian House. Mrs Arbon spoke about each Year 12. It is clear that she loves these children like

they were her own. Mr Hay also said a few words about those leaving Salesian House. We farewelled our Year 12 boarders Jack Graham and Louise Arthur. The Salesian House Award was presented to Clayton Agnew for displaying the Salesian Charism. We also farewelled Clayton, as he prepares to leave our community to commence an apprenticeship. Following the Liturgy parents, Boarders and teachers all joined in a shared supper. It was quite the feast. Thank you to all the parents that made the long journey into town, and for sharing in such an important celebration.

New Captains

On Tuesday Mr Hay announced Chloe Hillier and Harry Mead as the 2020 College Captains. We offer our congratulations to Chloe and Harry as they assume this important leadership role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current College Captains Jack Dickeson and Millie Tubb for their leadership this year. They have been outstanding ambassadors for the College and have set a wonderful example for our two new captains.

STEM Workshop

On Friday 18 October, St Mark's hosted a STEM Showcase.

St Mark's College, in partnership with The Learning and Technologies Team (CESA), hosted teachers and students from St Josephs, Port Lincoln and St Mary MacKillop School, Wallaroo. The STEM Showcase incorporated STEM learning activities for students and professional learning for teachers. The activities were fast paced, interactive and had clear learning outcomes.

Students were able to participate in a variety of activities that challenged and inspired them to solve problems. St Mark's students were able to showcase their projects and help younger students understand and develop their STEM thinking and abilities.

The day was full of challenge, problem solving and smiles!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues, Emily Komljenovic and Emily Boston, for their organisation and development of the initiative.

*Mr Marc Forster,
Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus*

Bosco Campus



Farewell Class of 2019



Our Class of 2019 at the Thanksgiving Mass



Holly chats with Lucy



Jai receives a candle from Harvie



Kayla receives a candle from her brother Oliver



Eli shows Ryan the card he made



Chelsea, Darcy, Hannah and Caitlin give a final wave



Eric gives Jack a hug goodbye



Sarah gives her candle to Luke



Denver giving her candle to Connor



Indiana timidly gives her candle to Meg



Luke, Jordan, Damian, Dominic and Jacob give a final wave

Around the College



STEM SHOWCASE: James helps a student from St Joseph's to build a bridge of straws



MUSIC: Jack and Patrick play the castanets



STEM: Students from St Joseph's and St Mary MacKillop were engaged in learning



MUSIC: Austin and Jack shake their maracas



CONGRATULATIONS to Year 11s Tate, Dylan and Grayson of Collateral Damage who have been named finalists in the SA Music Awards! Winners will be announced on 22 November, good luck!



STEM: The excitement as parachutes are caught from the top of the Science Centre



MUSIC: Shoalin and Jace with the egg shakers



STEM: Jess helps test the bridge with weights



LITTLE LIONS: Mr Hay visited to read Possum Magic to our Little Lions classes



MUSIC: Ava and Mae play the triangle

Around the College



Community Colour Burst 2.0

THANK YOU! To everyone that was involved in the Community Colour Burst 2.0 and to all those that attended, we are so very proud of this very successful event! (To read the full thank you message, visit the [College Facebook page](#).)

Daniel Lauder, **P+F President and Burst Crew Chair**



Ready to start...! (Photo credit: HIP Photography)



Isaiah runs through the yellow station (Photo credit: Ethan Nitz Photography)



Zac rolling through the orange station (Photo credit: Megan Congdon)



Dane gets sprayed in pink (Photo credit: Danielle Whitehorn Photography)



Kelsey, Sophie and Sophie at the blue station (Photo credit: Tanya Monaghan)



Caitlin and Akaila at the green station (Photo credit: Tabitha Runkel Photography)



Catherine, Ela, Mr Hay, Peter, Jason, Aliciam Jodie, Daniel, Haakon, Mikayla and Curtis (Photo credit: Tanya Monaghan)

Around the College



Old Scholars' Reunion



The Class of 2009 celebrated their 10 year anniversary



Peter and Jack represented the Class of 1979, celebrating 40 years since school



Meg, Ruby, Addison and Minette along



The Class of 1989 celebrated their 30 year anniversary



The Class of 1999 celebrated their 20 year anniversary

Mini Mark's



Jameson and Charlie playing cars



Asher catches a fish!



Gracie made a musical shaker



Hannah, James and Bentley having fun in the Nature Play Garden



The Bosco Prize

Exhibition Launch: Tuesday 29 October from 7.30pm in the BGC, Bosco Campus

All Welcome!

Community Notices

Considered a career in Policing?

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) has a register for people interested in a policing or protection career. You may be more suited than you think! To find out more visit our Entry level recruit career page to review:

- candidate information
- understand the recruitment process
- fitness and eligibility requirements
- training at the AFP College and;
- to gain a better understanding of Police and Protective Service Officer roles.

Register your interest today for programs commencing in 2020 or contact our helpful Recruitment team.

Females are particularly encouraged to apply!

YOUTH EVENT
PORT PIRIE COMMITTEE
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Are you aged 13-17?
 Want to be involved in creating and implementing a youth event in Port Pirie?

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS, PASSION AND DEDICATION

Find out more and express your interest at youtowntown.com.au/youth-event-committee
 Unsure whether to apply? Email or call John D'Antonio or Naomi McLaughlin confidentially at jdan@town.com.au or nmc@town.com.au or call 08 8633 3675. Expressions of interest close Wednesday, 30 October 2019.

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Aboriginal Health Team Northern

Are you between 15 and 19?

Aboriginal Health and the Uniting Country SA STAY program are holding an Aboriginal Youth Meet and Greet to talk about services for young people and after school activities.

When: Tuesday 29th October 2019
When: 3:30 pm - 5:30pm
Where: Tarpari, 47 Alexander Street, Port Pirie

MEET & GREET

If you would like to come along call the Aboriginal Health team on 86381100 or inbox the Aboriginal Health Group Facebook page
 Transport will be provided on the day
 Afternoon snacks provided

For more information

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 7:30 PM

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
 1:30 PM 7:30 PM

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Open daily from 9.00am