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Jordan and Chelsea lead the McNally Year 12s at the Thanksgiving Mass

There was a sacredness and celebration for our Year 12s. We welcomed Salesian leaders and those exams beckoned. The new Reception parents visited and students have been on camp.

Year 12 Mass

The families of Year 12s gathered at the Cathedral a couple of weeks ago. It was a beautifully realised liturgy and a grace filled expression of farewell. We met with our Bishop and families and it became a truly beautiful moment of symbols and ritual. The Year 12s walked into the cathedral with great dignity and unity. The place was filled with people. The students shuffled in House groups, proud, perhaps tired, certainly accomplished. The parents stood in respect and I spied some moistened eyes. The students held up symbols to their gathered families. We smiled in gentle solemnity when we saw the old Reception uniform and thought about growing; about their achievement and how quickly the whole thing had been. We gave thanks for the long time spent together when we saw the cohesion in their Retreat photo and we remembered the power of their friendships as they stood smiling and strong together. We quietly applauded scholarship when we saw the symbol of books.

We gathered in prayerful celebration with Bishop Greg. He was joyful, witty, and expressed our gratitude as we reflected on the conclusion of a St Mark's College education. In the excitement of finishing we were also able to understand the holiness of this moment. It was expressed in the handing on of a Crucifix and the draping of a sash with the names of the Year 12s. There was a whirl of emotion in the gathering; pride, gratitude, numbness at how swift it has been, hope and deep love in the excitement. We celebrated within Eucharist. It was most important to hear from Millie Tubb and Jack Dickeson as they offered public thanks as Captains. Their voice was powerful. They defined what was important about the gathering. It was wonderful to be together in that great and holy place.

The next morning it was the bacon and eggs with a cool morning sun, relaxed Year 12s in spring frocks and coloured shorts. The generous staff offered a morning banquet of farewell. After breakfast there were moments of fun and speeches. The Deputy Principal spoke to the whole community in the gym along with a representative of each year group, and with poignancy as they offered a goodbye. The choir were extraordinary. The House Leaders had organised a House send off and each Year 12 was named and celebrated. Each received a parting gift and there were words which affirmed their time at our College. The Year Level Coordinator, Ken Fay, then gathered them for a farewell of funny anecdotes and simple teasing. It was a great celebration of the Year 12s. They left well and we expect them back for a series of exams and final passing in of assignments. However, they have emptied their lockers. They have left.

Salesian Visit

Last week we had a large group of distinguished visitors from the Salesian schools around Australia. There were 15 visitors. They gathered to talk about our schools and the manner in which the spirit of St John Bosco permeates our activity and our relationships. On this occasion we gathered for a lecture on the Salesian theme for next year. It is called the 'strenna'. This is an Italian word which roughly means central idea or guiding principle. The strenna for next year is: "good Christians and upright citizens". This will be an opportunity for us to affirm and celebrate growth and courage and the powerful and sacred force that is so essential in all our lives. The group gathered with a keen interest to see the College and share ideas. I feel very grateful for the opportunity and know that our school shares a valued Salesian spirit and faithfulness with eight others.

KEY DATES



Agriculture students shared their shearing skills with the visiting Salesian Leaders

Exams

The Year 12 students have been shuffling nervously, fidgeting and waiting every morning and afternoon outside the Examination Room. They have prepared themselves well but they have been facing a big challenge. I just smile at them and they nod in response. It's best to leave them alone. The door opens and they face a huge test. I have been very proud of the manner in which they have taken on this challenge.

Reception Parent meeting

I had an opportunity to welcome the mothers and fathers of the 2020 Reception children. There was a meeting and a welcome and we were able to reassure them of our purpose and our care. It is exciting to know that there are new members of our community arriving even as we watch the Year 12s finish. The Junior Primary Coordinator Sophie Porcelli has gentleness and authority and offered calming wisdom and common sense to ensure parents that the transition into formal schooling is much easier. I was most impressed in the manner in which she assured people and offered the guidance. Melissa Gadaleta made them laugh and reassured them. There were quite a few new parents and they must have left with confidence. It will be another good year in Reception.



Bade demonstrated sheep shearing for the visiting Salesian Leaders

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day celebrates the extraordinary contributions and achievements of teachers. It was held on Friday, November 1 and gave us a chance to pay tribute to the teachers at St Mark's. I certainly recognise and affirm the work and effort of our teachers at St Mark's. I extended my thanks and gratitude to them and also offered an ice-cream in the staffroom at lunch to celebrate.

Camps

In these last two weeks we have had Year 9 and Year 8 students out on camp. They all did well. They launched themselves into adventure. They went mountain bike riding and high tower climbing. They embraced a Challenge Course and had expended much energy overcoming what they thought were personal limitations. They scrapped legs, grubbied up clothes, had a near miss, smiled because of achievement and they certainly tucked into the food with energy replenishing hunger. They were full of Year 8 and 9 vitality and they returned tired, content and happy. They were responsive to the requirements of being together and they were having simple fun. I feel very grateful that the teachers made it such a priority and created opportunities for such personal growth.

Greg Hay, Principal



Moira Loader and Damien Carlton from St John Bosco, Engadine NSW, admiring the vines at McNally Farm

Remembrance Day Prayer Services

Monday 11 November

Finance Special Meeting- Budget

Monday 11 November

Mission Day

Friday 15 November

Board MITIOG Meeting

Monday 18 November,
5.00pm

Board Uniform Meeting

Monday 18 November,
5.00pm

Board Meeting

Tuesday 19 November,
7.00pm

Religious Education



From the APRIM



Year 12 Bethany presenting the Reception uniforms, symbolising how the students have grown

Salesian Gathering

Annually the Salesian Principals and Religious Education Leaders meet to share and discuss key themes for the next year. Last week it was our College's turn to host the gathering. It was a time to talk about our schools and the manner in which the spirit of St John Bosco is lived out in our different school settings. The group gathered with a keen interest to share ideas and experiences that will enrich the faith life and learning in our schools. I am very grateful to the many staff who assisted in welcoming our guests into our school community.

Reconciliation

Students preparing to make their First Reconciliation commence their Commitment Program at the coming weekend Masses. On Wednesday 20 November they will celebrate this personal and affirming sacrament of peace and healing for the first time. Families are encouraged to join in and be a part of this sacrament with their children.

Mission Gala Day

Across the College we will finish our focus on Mission with a Gala afternoon on Friday 15 November. It is a Casual Clothes Day with a crazy socks theme. Students at Benedict Campus will have a range of activities from lunchtime onward to raise funds to support Catholic Missions in their work. Please see the Caremonkey form for further details.

Remembrance Day

Both campuses will hold a student prayer service to observe Remembrance Day this coming Monday. I thank the staff who have taken the leadership of these two ceremonies.

Religious Literacy Assessments

The results for the Year 4 Religious Literacy Assessments have been produced and were sent home to families last week. This test is a snap shot of learning in some of the areas of Religious Education. The main purpose is to inform teaching and learning that takes place in the school. It needs to be viewed along with the more detailed assessments contained in the School Reports. After viewing the results I would like to affirm the outstanding work that happens here at St Mark's in this Curriculum area. These results will continue to guide our work in implementing the new curriculum documents as they are rolled out in South Australian Catholic schools. If you have any queries regarding your own child's ReLAT report, please see your class teacher as a first point of contact.

Thanksgiving Mass

We have received the professional photographs from the Year 12 Thanksgiving Mass. Access to the gallery will be emailed to all Year 12 families to download photos.

Katie Pole, APRIM



Year 12s - Bosco House



Year 12s - Gallagher House



Year 12s - McNally House



Year 12s - Polding House

From the Deputy Principal



Year 1 Blue visiting the Wallaroo Museum

As yet another fortnight quickly comes to an end, writing this newsletter article is a timely reminder to take a moment to reflect and enjoy all that is happening.

Year 1 Blue Excursion

Year 1 Blue went on their excursion to Wallaroo last Friday and 1 Red are looking forward to their excursion this week.

In groups, we went to the museum and saw a really old octopus, old cranes and machines. It was interesting! Braxton, 1 Blue

Tessa and I went to sleep on the bus on the trip home. Tessa brought gummy snakes. Amelia, 1 Blue

I went to Wallaroo and I had a rainbow ice-cream. It was delicious! Hugo, 1 Blue

We went to the beach in Wallaroo. We played in the sand and caught baby fish that we let go. Brielle, 1 Blue

Year 3 Reconciliation Program

The Year 3s begin the first week of their Reconciliation Commitment Program at Parish Masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

We acted the story of the Good Samaritan out. The plays were great! Bailey, 3 Blue

We have learned about the sheep, the message Jesus told the people was to not give up when looking. Saad, 3 Blue

The Year 3s are learning about forgiveness. I've learnt about the Four Steps of Penance. Sahana, 3 Blue

I am preparing for my First Reconciliation. I'm feeling a little bit nervous but excited at the same time! Elise, 3 Blue

Important Dates

Term 4 has a number of key events with the conclusion of the 2019 school year and preparation for the 2020 school year. I have listed some key dates to help with your planning:

- **Mission Gala Day (casual clothes day)**
Friday 15 November
- **First Reconciliation Liturgy (Year 3s)**
Wednesday 20 November, 7pm at St Mark's Cathedral
- **Orientation Day 1: 2020 Semester 1 Receptions** Tuesday 26 November, 9.30am - 12.00pm, meet in Library
- **2020 Year 1 - 6 Stationery Packs** sent home on Thursday 28 November
- **Little Lions' Presentation Assembly**
Friday 29 November, 11.45am in the Good Sam Hall
- **Orientation Day : NEW Year 1 - 6 Students**
Monday 2 December
- **Orientation Day 2: 2020 Semester 1 Receptions** Wednesday 4 December, 9.00am - 2.00pm
Reception Stationery Packs can be collected from the Benedict Office
- **2020 Year 7 Transition Day** Wednesday 4 December at Bosco Campus
- **End of Year Liturgy - Year 6 Farewell and Year 5 Handover** Friday 6 December, 9.30am, Good Sam Hall
- **Blessing of the Crib's (Year 4s)**
Sunday 8 December, 10.30am at St Mark's Cathedral
- **Last Day of School** Wednesday 11 December, 12.20pm Dismissal

Further details will be sent home closer to the date of the event so please check your child/ren's Communication Book/Diary regularly.

Leaving St Mark's

If your child/ren are not returning in 2019 please collect a form from the Benedict Office to complete.

Thank you

On a personal note, I am delighted to be back this term and thank you all for your prayers and well wishes during my recent illness.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta,
Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Remembrance Day Prayer Services

Monday 11 November

Mission Day

Friday 15 November

Little Lions

Friday 15 November

Friday 22 November

First Reconciliation Liturgy

Wednesday 20 November
St Mark's Cathedral,
7.00pm

Benedict Campus



Year 6 Camp

During Week 2, the 2019 Year 6 cohort made some magical memories at the Port Augusta camp. Students were involved in canoeing, kayaking, snorkelling and sailing at the Aquatics Centre, as well as enjoying a refreshing dip in the Port Augusta community pool and watching a movie at the Port Augusta cinema!

My favourite part of the camp was the snorkelling. I had never been snorkelling before; I was nervous at the start and then really enjoyed it. **Tyson, 6 Blue**

I really enjoy the snorkelling because it was very exciting to discovery sea creatures. **Sarim, 6 Blue**

Sailing was scary, but I had an amazing time. **Laycee, 6 Blue**

The pool was lots of fun. Diving into the deep end and the bombing contest was great. **Mae, 6 Blue**

Watching Dora the Explorer at the movies was really good. I ate a large popcorn all to myself! **Lukas, 6 Blue**

Bret Swensson, **Year 6 Teacher**



Bridie and Ava take a leap



Hamish, Trey and Mason enjoy an evening stroll



Time for some Uno



Jacob and Tyler enjoy kayaking



Learning the ropes on the sail boat



Ava, Eva and Xanthe paddle the canoe

Year 1 Blue Excursion



Rahdy and Della playing in the sand



Admiring the art at the museum



Jayce exploring on the beach



Amelia helps build a sand castle

Benedict Campus



Reading at Benedict

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" – Mary McCleod Bethun

At Benedict we have a strong focus on reading development. We emphasise reading for meaning (comprehending) through discussion, shared and guided reading and the explicit teaching of reading strategies from Reception to Year 6. We aim to foster a love of reading and sharing stories and we want our students to be confident and critical readers. We greatly value the importance that parents and families have in helping their children to become readers. This begins by reading picture books to children from birth and then develops into shared reading together and discussions about the books and texts as children become older.

Teresa Gadaleta, **Benedict Literacy Coordinator**



Luke and Hugo exploring Julia Donaldson books as a part of their Author Study in Reception Red



Mrs Jordan and Reception Gold sharing a reading experience ('Shared Reading') with a big book



Ms Porcelli teaching reading strategies through Guided Reading in Reception Green with Isabelle, Addison, Kingston and Finn



Oliver, Carys and Harper exploring and identifying fiction and non-fiction books as a part of a text type focus in Reception Blue



Ela reading through pictures in Little Lions

Congratulations

Star Salesian Students

6 Red	River Peter
6 Blue	Sarim Shahid
6 Green	Molly Lavis
5 Red	Noah Miller
5 Blue	Madison Curtis
5 Green	Isaiah Jenkin
4 Red	Leana Nannapaneni
4 Blue	Rechyane Crocker
3 Red	Mekayla Whelan
3 Blue	Ronan Schoeman
2 Red	Jordy Scarce-Evans
2 Blue	Mae Pendry
1 Red	Zaki Saad
1 Blue	Jayce Cooke
Rec. Red	Aubrey Ganley
Rec. Blue	Lily Gadaleta
Rec. Green	Macy Clothier
Rec. Gold	Liam Bellifemini

Star Samaritan Students

6 Red	Jackson Smallacombe
6 Blue	Schofield Leske
6 Green	William Hunter
5 Red	Mitchell Taylor
5 Blue	Mason Hocking
5 Green	Skye Robinson
4 Red	Ryley Smith
4 Blue	Chelsey Frkic
3 Red	Ryleigh Nielsen
3 Blue	Ceana Spadavecchia
2 Red	Xavier Lunsmann
2 Blue	Elliza Dwyer
1 Red	Vy Nguyen
1 Blue	Rahdy Spooner
Rec. Red	Julian Sherry
Rec. Blue	Alcuin Jacob
Rec. Green	Poppy Clarke
Rec. Gold	Fletcher Reddaway

From the Deputy Principal

PAT Testing

Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students are currently undertaking achievement tests in both literacy (reading comprehension) and numeracy. The data collected from the PAT tests will provide teachers with diagnostic information about your child's learning. It will enable teachers to track individual student progress and most importantly ensure that all students are moving forward.

In preparation for the new school year, staff will review the data, using their findings to create targeted adjustments in the curriculum to support areas of development. Further to this, the data collected will also be used during our end of year handover process, ensuring that your child's 2020 teachers are well informed about their literacy and numeracy skills.

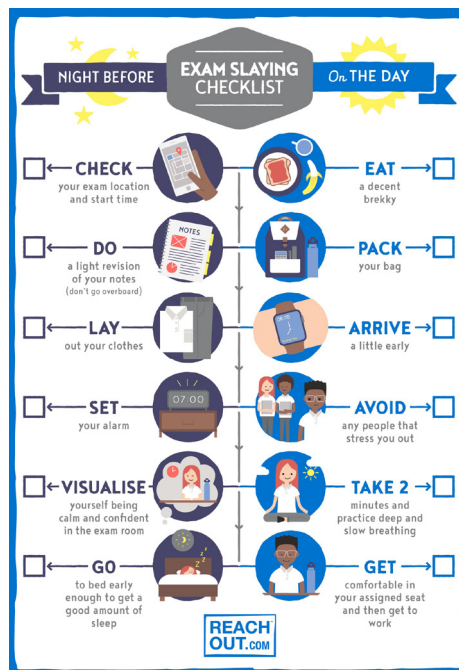
Year 12 Exams

This week, our Year 12 students commenced their exams, with Biology being the first exam held on Monday. Over the coming week, students will be sitting the following exams:

Nutrition, Physics, Chemistry, Psychology, Specialist Mathematics, Mathematics Methods, General Mathematics, Modern History and Physical Education.

This year marks the last year PE students will be required to sit an examination, with a new form of assessment being introduced in 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 12 students the best of luck during this time. We wish you every blessing as you finish your formal schooling and begin the next exciting journey in your life.



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Year 11

We are fast approaching the end of formal lessons for the Year 11 cohort but there is still so much to be done. I would like to stress the importance of students utilising this remaining time to ensure they obtain the best possible results in their Year 11 subjects as well as providing them with a strong footing for their 2020 Stage 2 subjects.

I would also like to reinforce the idea that the last weeks of regular lessons of school are still vital to students' progress and it is imperative that students are at school; this is not a time for students to stay at home.

Carly Ryan Foundation

On Thursday 14 November, the Carly Ryan Foundation will be visiting St Mark's College to deliver important messages about eSafety to our students. A parent information night is also scheduled that evening at 6:30pm in the Bosco Centre. More information about the foundation can be found at [The Carly Ryan Foundation website](#).

Carly Ryan was 15-years-old when she was murdered by an online predator. Determined to help prevent harm to other innocent children and families and to help them navigate their online journey safely, Carly's mum Sonya incorporated The Carly Ryan Foundation in 2010. The CRF delivers online safety and healthy relationship seminars to students and parents. The organisation also provides a range of services and support in the areas of internet safety and crime, cyberbullying, connection to resources and counselling and contributing to law and policy reform.

Mr Marc Forster,
Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Remembrance Day Prayer Services
Monday 11 November

Mission Day
Friday 15 November

Year 10 Camp
Monday 18 - Friday 22 November

Year 11 Semester 2 Exams
Wednesday 20 - 27 November

Bosco Campus



Year 8 Camp

The Year 8s have just returned from their Camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills. The students were involved in a range of activities, including Laser Skirmish, Rock Climbing, Mountain Bike Riding, Zip Lining and Tube Sliding. The students represented the school wonderfully, and really enjoyed the activities, with all students challenging themselves throughout the camp. It was a fun and enjoyable few days, and I'm sure the students slept well after they returned. A huge thanks to the staff that attended with the students. They had a great time!

Jesslyn Byerlee, **Year 8 Coordinator**



Zyndel enjoying the rock climbing



Claire enjoys the slide



Ready for adventure!



Antonio leads the bush walk



Jessie and Ayeisha take aim in laser skirmish

Family Trees in Chinese

In Chinese the Year 7 and 8 Students have been learning how to introduce themselves, members of their families and their pets. One of the ways they have shown their learning is by making family trees. Students have been very creative in their design ideas.

Briony Forster, **Director of Curriculum**

Here are some of the key words students have used- see if you can spot them in the posters!

wǒ men de jiā pǔ

我们的家普 - Our family trees

gē ge

哥哥 (older brother)

dì dì

弟弟 (younger brother)

māo

猫 (cat)

mā mǔ

妈妈 (Mum)

jiě jie

姐姐 (older sister)

chǒng wù

宠物 (pets)

yú

鱼 (fish)

bà ba

爸爸 (Dad)

mèi mei

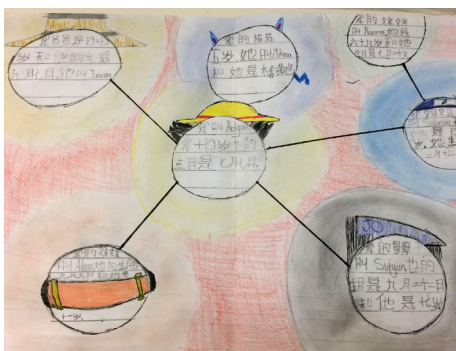
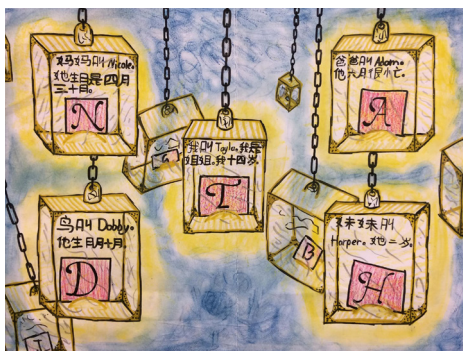
妹妹 (younger sister)

gǒu

狗 (dog)

tù zi

兔子 (rabbit)



Bosco Campus



The Bosco Prize

Last week Bosco celebrated its annual art exhibition; The Bosco Prize. The Bosco Prize aims to showcase the hard work and talents of all Bosco students in the subjects of art and design. There was a variety of work submitted including sculpture, digital prints, drawings, paintings and ceramics that students have completed in class or at home. The work this year was to an exceptionally high standard with all year levels being strongly represented. The art faculty, Megan Congdon, Elizabeth Munday and myself would like to thank everyone for their participation and support.

The Encouragement Award winner was Zara Clark. Zara demonstrates great potential in a variety of art mediums. She took the opportunity to enter in her own pencil portrait that has shown a mature level of confidence and initiative. Zara is a diligent student and we look forward to seeing more from her in the future.

Our Junior Winner was difficult to choose. There were so many strong candidates across all forms of art and design, our judges were overwhelmed with the options. In the end it was clear that Ayeisha Everett, who also contributed her own work along with work completed in class, had proved victorious. As a current Year 8 Design student, Ayeisha has spent the semester exploring Design pathways through a variety of media. She is currently working on an individual project exploring fashion design in more depth.

The Senior Award was awarded to Year 12 student Thomas Klingner, who's hard work and commitment lead him to develop his own unique style of drawing. These qualities prepared him to deliver a truly eye-catching triptych inspired by his dreams. Thomas has had immense success in completing all requirements for Stage Two Visual Arts and I wish him all the best as he prepares for his exams.

After counting the ballots of guests who attended the opening, Edyn Manfield was awarded the People's Choice Award for her recycled macramé dress. This dress was completed in Semester 1 where Year 10 students explored careers in design. This lead Edyn towards fashion design which she has stated is an area that she would like to pursue at Stage 1 next year. Something to look forward to for next year's exhibition!

Lastly, I am finalising the production of the wine label for this year's vintage. New student, Lucia Alvarez-Chamarro was voted the best overall design with her use of Indigenous inspirations. Mass printing of these labels will begin shortly and I am looking forward to seeing the end result.

This year's exhibition was a big success and I am very proud and thankful of all the brave students who showcased their work. Thank you to the hard working teacher's whose dedication and passion for the subject knows no bounds. And lastly, thank you to everyone who attended and supported the development of the Visual Arts department at St Mark's College. Now to start making masterpieces for 2020!

Amy Tilbrook, **Visual Arts Teacher**



Junior Winner : Ayeisha



Encouragement Award Winner : Zara



Senior Winner : Thomas



Peoples' Choice Winner : Edyn

Bosco Campus



Year 9 Camp

Last week, the Year 9 Cohort went on Camp to Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills. We went with a group called Wilderness Escape where we did activities such as High Ropes, Low Ropes, Mountain Bike Riding, Hiking and Survival Challenges in our Rite Journey groups. We camped in tents in a clearing and enjoyed a bonfire and cooked damper. The camp challenged us to push ourselves, take risks and have fun. We really enjoyed the camp and the experience and trying new activities we wouldn't do each day. It was also a chance to switch off and be with friends and enjoy each others company. We would like to thank Mr Gilligan on organising our camp with such short notice after the location had been changed, we had a great time!



Tyson and William on the rope challenge



A rest at the lookout!

Imogen, Lucy and the Rite Journey girls, Year 9



Teamwork!



Tom leads the way on his bike



Kelsey and Aleisha on the bushwalk

Hoodwinked! Year 10 Drama Performance



Sophie encourages the audience to clap



Aislynn, Kayla and Ebony concoct a tricky plan



Holly and Mackenzie 'hoodwink' everyone in the end!

College Notices

Looking for donations!

The Year 9 Rite Journey Girls have been busy organising a fundraiser to help disadvantaged women and teenagers living in Australia this Christmas through Share the Dignity. The Share the Dignity organisation aims to ensure everyone is afforded the dignity, that so many of us take for granted. They do this by providing women and teenagers with access to basic sanitary items, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, personal hygiene products or deodorant (to name a few) that are living on the streets in Australia. This organisation links closely with the work we do in Rite Journey, and the girls are very passionate about making a difference, and helping women nationwide. Last year, the Rite Journey girls received enough donations to create approximately 60 handbags and we were so proud that all of these were distributed in Port Pirie, Port Augusta and the Mid North region.

The girls would like to ask for your support with donations, and also to help spread the word amongst your family and friends to participate in the #itsinthebag project. The girls are seeking donations of any old handbags, as well as any essential or extra items as listed on the [Share the Dignity website](#) so they can pack a bag to be given to women and teenagers in need at Christmas time. Alternatively, if you would prefer to donate some money, they will go shopping for the items on your behalf. Any donations of these items can be dropped into Mrs Byerlee and Ms Freer's office, or to the Front Administration Office at Bosco Campus. You don't have to donate a filled bag, it could be products but anything would be greatly appreciated.

Jess Byerlee and Toni Freer, Year 9 Rite Journey Teachers



Steph, Mackenzie, Charlotte, Chelsea, Ella and Caitlin with some of the donations



Parent Online Safety Presentation

14 NOVEMBER 2019
6.30PM SEMINAR START

Creating a positive experience online for all Australian families.

the Carly Ryan foundation.



Port Football and Community Sporting Club

Open daily from 9.00am

