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Our Year 4s give a thumbs up for Mission Gala Day!

There was a joyousness about Gala Day and a celebration at the Boarding House. We heard music and listened to a profound story. The College Board made certain that all will be well.

Mission Gala Day

The Benedict community set up a little village of commerce and creativity last week. It was Mission Gala Day and the students knew that money was needed to be raised and joyous activities had to be set up. In response to the national call for Bushfire support, and our own compelling Vinnies necessities, our young people created what became a fund raising spectacular. There were class stalls set up all over the campus. It was a hive of activity with money emptying from purses, some real bargains purchased and delightful activities creating a genuine community energy of care for others. The teachers supported the students with dozens of ideas happening all designed for fun. The students arrived with cakes and lollies, ideas and a jingling of change in their pocket. They certainly had a determination to spend. I found it a great occasion in its simplicity and enthusiasm. There were lucky dips and sponge throwing, basketball hoops and laser skirmish. The line-up for the haunted house was long and the white elephant stall had such valuable trinkets that could be negotiated at a bargain. I started telling off students about having tattoos at school who laughingly ignored me ensuing me that it was all okay. I returned a laugh at the water balloon throwing group who seemed more saturated than they needed to be. And faces were painted, obstacle course raced, delicious lolly biscuits were eaten, skittles were bowled over for a tasty prize and the younger ones seemed to manage the great concept of money, value and how to spend to the last cent. The whole thing was certainly unsophisticated popup fun. It was a caring community enjoying itself, getting organised and caring, lots of smiling, wandering amazement, raising some dollars, bartering for fun. A perfect moment.

Remembrance Day

The College takes the memory of fallen soldiers very seriously. We rise with the rest of Australia in silence and allow ourselves to be caught up in the profound moments of ritual and memory. We hear together the Last Post; reconnect with 'the Ode'. Some wear a poppy. Some lay a wreath. We say 'Lest We Forget'. We get to see the Australian Flag flutter and permit its flickering colour and symbolism to remind us of our gratitude. We hear stories of a final day on November 11 when guns went silent. On Remembrance Day we stand to attention and understand a little more about sacrifice and service. It is expressed appropriately in the two different campuses and student leaders Chloe Hillier, Harry Mead, Mitchell Court, Zoe Reid who represented us at the War Memorial Gates for a civic gathering. Our fallen soldiers are honoured. Lest we forget.

Boarders' Christmas Tea

The first of the Christmas moments have begun. I was invited along with several teachers to the boarding house for a Christmas Tea. The place looked extraordinary. We experienced a Jane Dickeson and Cindy McInerney impact. The room was darkened and there was candle light welcome. There were bon bons and tinsel, the smell of the roast, the ambience of decoration, the sound of Bing Crosby and 'White Christmas' coming from somewhere and a flickering Christmas tree. I found it a wonderful moment of hospitality and community. I enjoyed the dinner very much. Ben Westdorp, one of our dads and the Salesian House Chef went to a special effort. I enjoyed the noise and chatter of a functioning happy place. There were some beautiful words expressed from House Mother, Denise Arbon as she affirmed students and thanked visitors. The boarders had even prepared Christmas Cards for each of the teachers. Mine

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A time for reflection at Bosco Campus on Remembrance Day

was from one unlikely gentlemen who wished me Merry Christmas and thanked me for my “enthusiasm and speeches”. I will keep that card and treasure the compliment and know that there is a special spirit in Salesian House. They made this moment so special together. Happy Christmas.

Music Night

I attended a Year 9 and 10 Music Night. I enjoyed the night thoroughly. The sounds and rhythms were alive and beating at the Bishop Gallagher Centre. I was very proud of the achievements and delighted in the talent and creativity of the students. The Music Night had spectacular drumming, sweet harmony, beautiful voices and strumming guitars. It was really wonderful. The whole thing started in the dark with 40 fluoro drum sticks crashing in rhythm and the 20 drummers kept together so skilfully. It was tribal and powerful. There were individual and choral voices and some wonderful work on guitar and piano. I do love the spirit of the ‘musos’. There is a nervousness and uncertainty at times and a clumsy fidgeting organisation as they try to find confidence. But there is a need to play. It impels them on and when the first note is sung or the first chord is strummed something happens that connects to the audience and they are off. I congratulate them on the excellence and the entertainment and am thankful for the support from teachers Fiona Clarke and Mardi Nolan.

Carly Ryan

Carly Ryan was a 15-year old South Australian schoolgirl who was befriended online and then murdered by a serial paedophile. We probably remember the incident which happened over ten years ago and we may be familiar with Carly’s Law. The tragedy was unique at the time as we all were discovering the emerging phenomena of online grooming and predatory behaviour. Last week Carly’s mum Sonya came to visit our students and their parents.

I didn’t get to meet or listen to Sonya. I was at the Music Night. Who I did meet was a small gathering of mums debriefing about the experience at the end of the night. They were just about to get into their cars in the

darkness of the carpark but the power of the presentation and the implications of the story kept them together finding wisdom, finding support, reaching conclusions. They were talking about Carly’s mum Sonya and her story and compelling bravery. They seemed in a little shock at the horror and were clearly determined to understand and to protect. Sonya wants to expose the thousands of multiple identities that paedophiles use to lure young children. Her aim is to create awareness and educate children and parents in using the internet. These mums were going to be powerful advocates for care and discussion and deepening our understanding of what happens on that computer at home in the quiet of the night. The visit was very important, the moment was profound and it spilled over into discussion at school the next day. I am very grateful to the Carly Ryan Foundation for their visit and to those mums who will take a next step. I invite all families to consider the importance of these opportunities.

Budgets

The College Board gathered for the final 2019 meeting. We gathered with our usual prayer, response to correspondence, business and committee reports. Our parent members all chair the sub committees. They are required to report back on the progress of initiatives or make connections to the strategies and responsibilities of the school. We continued to make sure that things work safely and that we are faithful. But most importantly we tabled the Finance Report which included the Budget for 2019. We looked at a report on the strategies and goals for 2020. We looked at the learning, the buildings, the initiatives. We saw how much things cost and how much money we had to spend. It was a comprehensive and clearly well managed business report. Business Manager Jo Court had done an excellent job of ensuring a balanced budget with great skill. It has been an excellent Board under the leadership of Alan Zubrinich. It was a Board that took great responsibility and cared to support vision and growth. I thank them for their expertise.

Greg Hay, Principal

**Salesian Captains
Conference, Sydney**
Sunday 24 -
Tuesday 26 November

Board Celebration
Monday 2 December,
6.00pm

Religious Education



From the APRIM



Our Year 3s celebrating their Reconciliation this week

Catholic Missions Fundraising

We have completed our time of Mission focus where we educated, prayed, advocated and supported the works of Catholic Missions. A special thank you to all the staff and students for their outstanding efforts to facilitate fundraising activities and initiatives for our College Gala Day last Friday. Throughout the celebrations students over the College were reminded that by our Baptism we are called to be people of Mission in the world around us.

Reconciliation

On Wednesday night twenty five young people from our Parish celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a sacred moment of peace, healing and the love of God. I would like to thank Fr Jimmy for his support of the students and families through the preparation. A special thank you also to Fr Ramel for being present to celebrate the sacrament for them. A special thank you to the Year 3 teachers Mrs Arnold, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Cable who delivered the Sacramental Program.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ronan Schoeman and his father Johan who were received into the Catholic Family recently. Congratulations also to Tarasai Winders who was Baptised into the Parish Community last week.

A Night with Rotary

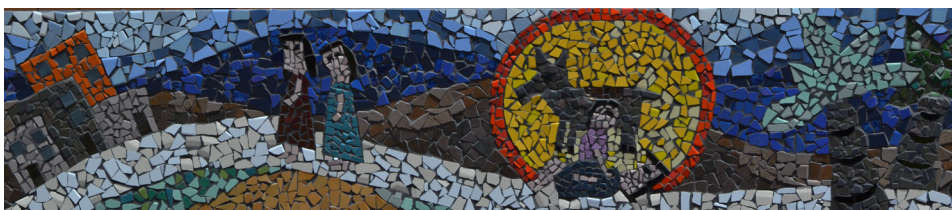
Our Philippines team attended the Rotary Meeting last night to share their experiences of Immersion into the Filipino Culture and Faith. Rotary along with other community groups were a wonderful support to us in our fundraising so it was great to be able to share in detail with them the outcomes of our experience.

Our Samaritan Mosaic

Mrs Jo Wilsdon has been working on a Good Samaritan Mosaic with our SRC this term. The project is now completed and you will find it in the garden outside the Good Samaritan Hall. It is simply beautiful. We would like to thank Marie and Sal Capurso from Pirie Tile for their tremendous support. Before the end of the term we will find a time to have it blessed.

Trey from 6 Green speaks about his experience in creating the artwork: *As a Term 4 activity for the SRC's, Mrs Wilsdon organised for us to work together on a mosaic that would be positioned in the front garden in front of the Good Samaritan Hall. It was fun working together with Mrs Wilsdon and some of the other SRC's. There are two sides to the mosaic, the side with the story, and the side with the words, "The Good Samaritan Story" with lots of different colours. It looks very good now that it is finished, and I suggest going to have a look at it.*

Katie Pole, APRIM



The beautiful Good Samaritan mosaic created by the SRC under the guidance of Ms Jo Wilsdon

Congratulations of our Sacramental students:

Lewis Camporeale, Sloan Chivell, Lucas Congdon, Hunter Curtis, Sherwin David, Jett Dunstall Lexi Gebert, Chloe Harmer, Zac Kotaras, Amarlee McMahon, Dolche Pisani, Jye Rafanelli-Ley, Ronan Schoeman, Shae Smith, Ceana Spadavecchia, Cooper Tattoli, Lachlan Williams, Liam Wright, Elise Yarrow, Mekayla Whelan and Sienna Yull.



Ronan and Johan were received into the Catholic Church



Tarasai being baptised at the Benedict Chapel (photo credit- Alice Hutchison)

BENEDICT CAMPUS

2020 T1 Reception Orientation Days

Tuesday 26 November,
9.30am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 4 December,
9.30am - 2.00pm

Little Lions

Friday 29 November

Little Lions Presentation Assembly

Friday 29 November, 11.45am
Good Samaritan Hall

2020 New Students (Year 1 - 6)

Orientation Day
Monday 2 December

2020 Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 4 December

Year 6 Farewell and End of Year Liturgy

Friday 6 December,
9.30am
Good Samaritan Hall
All Welcome!

From the Deputy Principal

Week 5 and Week 6 have been extra busy weeks at Benedict!

Mission Week

Week 5 was Mission Week where the week culminated in a very successful Gala Day to raise funds and awareness for the great work of Catholic Missions. Classes from Reception to Year 6 came up with some very imaginative fundraising ideas that really put the 'fun' back into fundraising. Benedict Campus raised \$500.00 for the Bushfire Appeal and \$2,691.15 for Catholic Missions.

A big 'thank you' to family and friends for your generosity and support! An extra special thank you to our APRIM, Mrs Katie Pole for her organisation of the day and to our school staff for their generous contribution and facilitation of the students' ideas, especially Mrs Margaret Fantinel who counted over \$3,000.00 worth of coins!

PE Week

Week 6 has been Physical Education week at Benedict where our Sports Coordinator, Mrs Jo Wilsdon and our Years 3-6 Coordinator, Mr Matt Mead, programmed a week of activities. Some of the activities were designed for the

Interschool Teams, the Salesians and the Samaritans, to showcase their skills as they had trained hard but the Interschool Sports Day was cancelled due to the weather. A special thank you to Jo for her exceptional organisation of the Interschool teams and to the staff who supported both trainings and PE Week.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our 25 Year 3s who experienced their First Reconciliation. Their Year 3 teachers; Mrs Erin Arnold, Mrs Lauren Cable and Mrs Kayla Hastings have prepared the students well. Let us keep the First Reconcilers, their classmates, teachers and families in our prayers.

Final Assembly for 2019

Please note: Week 9 Assembly/End Term Assembly – the final assembly for the year will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 9.00am, GSH. You are most welcome to attend. (Certificates for Semester 2 SRCs will be presented at this assembly)

Ms Melissa Gadaleta,
Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus



Year 3s enjoying the Dance sessions with Hip Hop Bounce as part of the PE curriculum



Sahana enjoying the dance session



Jett, Chloe and Ronan strike a pose

Benedict Campus



What a year... Highlights of Year 6!

The first highlight of the year for me was most probably our Year Six tops! It is cool to be able to wear a top that is different from normal school uniform, and it's got your name on the back!

My second highlight of the year would be having a Buddy! In Year 5 we first met our buddies but we only got to see them on Friday. As a Year Six Buddy Lessons are every second Friday we get to see them, and we can see them in the school yard.

My third highlight of the year would be going on all different types of camps. The Retreat was fun! We can make friendships with other people that you might not have thought you would get along with. But camp is even better! We got to stay a night, go out to the pontoon and we even got to see movies! The bunk bed was also fun to sleep on. When we did aquatics that's when it became even more fun!

My fourth highlight of the year would be having so many leadership role choices. We could try to be the School Captain, or we can try and be the House Captain! Instead of just being SRC.

My fifth highlight would be doing Sports carnivals! We get to try out many different sports and we play against different schools! You can make new friends, or you can learn that you like that sport. On my first carnival I remember it was cricket and I didn't even know the rules of cricket, but it was still fun and very funny when you did something wrong!

Mia-Lee Bateson, Year 6 Green

Aquatic's Camp - My most favourite moment of the year was probably the Aquatics Camp at Port Augusta because we went sailing, canoeing and many other cool things. I also liked the Ryan Mitchell Swimming Centre. We went to the movies and watched, 'Dora The Explorer'. We watched 'Home Alone 1' at the camp as well.

Sleepover - I loved the sleepover in the Good Samaritan Hall. It was great because it was only Year 6 students that could come. We did games like 'Minute to Win It'. We watched 'Madagascar 3.' We had Milo and snacks while we watched the movie. We had midnight snacks while everyone else was asleep.

Retreat - The Retreat was cool. I thought it was going to be a single track, but it was a wide-open track and we could run around. We had to help other people get up rocks and ledges. We never really got to the end of the track.

Buddy Lessons - I liked the Buddy lessons where we could catch up with our buddies and have some fun. We played games and many other things like obstacle courses in the hall. We did activities at Easter for our buddies. My buddy was Max Johns and he is cool.

Josh Whitehorn, Year 6 Green

Sleepover - During April we had our Year 6 sleepover, this is one of my highlights because I have never done anything like that at school and it was really fun talking and interacting with people I don't normally talk to or sit with. It was also fun because we played a lot of games and my favourite would have to be spotlight because we got to go outside in the dark.

Retreat - This was one of my highlights because I have also never gone on a Retreat like this because we got to go to Napperby and we got to hike. We normally have excursions, so this is all different and its cool and its more interesting and fun.

Buddies - This was one of my highlights because it is really cool getting to look after and care for little kids even though they may be a bit annoying because they always want to play with you but I don't mind because they are cute and like a little friend. It was also an experience to have them because not many other schools get to do stuff like this.

Aquatics Camp - This was one of my highlights because we have never done something like this before. It was really fun because we got to sleep at Port Augusta and go to the pool and go sailing, snorkelling, kayaking, and more. But overall it was really fun heading back home because of the interaction.

Willow Swearse, Year 6 Green



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Mission Gala Day



Brothers enjoying Mission Day, Marcus and Luke



Isabelle was excited to spend her coins



Sarim becomes the target as Maveric helps out



Jack and Cooper give the biscuits the 'thumbs up'



Flynn enjoying the scavenger hunt in the Library.



Mrs Pole buying a decorated biscuit from the Year 4 Red stall

Congratulations

Star Salesian Students

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| 6 Red | Xanthe Forster |
| 6 Blue | James Porta |
| 6 Green | Ava Pisani |
| 5 Red | Nevaeh Hollitt-Lomman Flyn Jaeschke |
| 5 Blue | Charlie Watt |
| 5 Green | Jaxon Jeffries |
| 4 Red | Finn Connelly |
| 4 Blue | Dylan Cagney |
| 3 Red | Zac Kotaras |
| 3 Blue | Zac Bessen |
| 2 Red | Jaylea Cooke |
| 2 Blue | Nicholas Caldarola |
| 1 Red | Lexie Camporeale |
| 1 Blue | Amelia Cunningham |
| Rec. Red | Ava Yiannoulis |
| Rec. Blue | Oliver Campman |
| Rec. Green | Charleigh Mitchell |
| Rec. Gold | Harvie Fleming |

Star Samaritan Students

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 6 Red | Jack Jaeschke |
| 6 Blue | Mae Caspers |
| 6 Green | Akaila Ackland |
| 5 Red | Lawson Wauchope |
| 5 Blue | Rafael Safavi |
| 5 Green | Samuel Head |
| 4 Red | Ella Caddy |
| 4 Blue | Jake Lavis |
| 3 Red | Sherwin David |
| 3 Blue | Chloe Harmer |
| 2 Red | Reagan Davis |
| 2 Blue | Peyton Talbot |
| 1 Red | Sierra McLaughlin |
| 1 Blue | Keeley Durdin |
| Rec. Red | Denver Will |
| Rec. Blue | Carys Taylor |
| Rec. Green | Finn George |
| Rec. Gold | Finlay Saracino |

BOSCO CAMPUS

Salesian Captains Conference, Sydney

Sunday 24 -
Tuesday 26 November

Year 11 Semester 2 Exams Continue

Monday 25 -
Wednesday 27 November

Year 11 Final Day

Wednesday 27 November

Year 12 Graduation

Friday 29 November

New Boarders' Sleep Over

Sunday 1 December

2020 New Students (Year 8 - 12)

Orientation Day

Monday 2 December

Bosco Presentation Night

Tuesday 3 December

2020 Year 7 Orientation Day

Wednesday 4 December

Year 10 Semester 2 Exams

Wednesday 4 - Thursday 5
December

Year 10 Final Day

Thursday 5 December

From the Deputy Principal



Year 8 students Tate, Fraser, Ethan, Zac, Daisy, Amity, Ella and Scarlett with Sonya Ryan of the Carly Ryan Foundation

Carly Ryan Foundation

On Thursday 14 November, Sonya Ryan and her team from the Carly Ryan Foundation visited St Mark's College. Sonya talked about the tragedy surrounding her daughter and the challenges of living in an online society. The presentations were confronting, challenging and heart felt. Her ability to demonstrate resilience in the toughest of times was inspiring. I hope that these presentations generated conversations at home.

"I can't believe how strong she (Sonya) is to talk about her daughter everyday to make us safer"
- Year 8 student

Thank you Sonya for such an informative talk at St Mark's. It created conversation with our kids on such an important topic. You are such an inspirational person. Thank you doesn't seem to cover what great work you do for kids.

- Matt Spolding, Parent

For more information about the foundation, and to view resources available to support parents and children, please visit [The Carly Ryan Foundation website](#).

Year 10 and 11 Exams

Year 11 Exams have started. There is a seriousness about exams being expressed by the students and an awareness that Year 12 is only around the corner. Exams will conclude on Wednesday 27 November with an end of Year Liturgy and a BBQ gathering.

With camp behind them, Year 10s now begin the important preparation for their final exams. These will take place in Week 8 on Wednesday 4 December and Thursday 5 December.

Year 10 Camp

Year 10 s have returned from camp with plenty of stories about their journey to Adelaide. The aquatics activities were a highlight and provided some relief from the weather. They enjoyed an 'Amazing Race' activity around North Terrace, working hard in their groups to be the first ones over the line! The camp was a great opportunity for new friendships to develop and old ones to strengthen. We were very impressed by the positive attitude of our students and willingness to give anything a go. I extend my gratitude to attending teachers for their leadership and guidance. What a wonderful experience for our students.

Distribution of Reports: Years 7-11

For students in Year 7, 8 and 9, reports will be distributed on Wednesday 11 December during afternoon Caregroup at 12:30pm.

Year 10 and 11 students can collect their reports from the Bosco Student Office between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm. Reports will not be posted home.

Mr Marc Forster,
Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus



Our Year 9 Rite Journey students, including Bree, Imogen, Charlee, Jannah, Charlise and Charli, have been overwhelmed with the donations for their Share the Dignity drive. Thank YOU! They will be packing bags next week ready to go to local women in need.

Bosco Campus



English Writing Competition

Congratulations to the following students for their winning contributions entered in the Bosco Campus Writing Competition earlier this semester:

Year 7: Isabella Martlew, Kiera Croukamp and Tyler Lack

Year 8: Tate Noble, Sanja Laister, Kate Burgess and Callahan Lang

Year 9: Kalan Hayes

Year 10: Tom Clarke

A very honourable mention to Ryder Petagna and all of the other students whose writing was humorous, original, clever, interesting, creative, exciting, informative, sad and moving, innovative, eloquent, attention grabbing and most of all - entertaining. It was a pleasure to read them all but it was hard to choose winners; this shows the quality of some of our student's writing. Well done to all who submitted photo-stories, film or novel reviews or creative short stories.

Deb McArthur, **English Faculty Coordinator**

The Days of Old and New

The days of running up hills chasing rabbits, struggles with foxes and long working days gone. No more afternoon swims in the dam or runs down to the overflow. Now for the peaceful days of morning walks and quiet sunsets with owners. Back to the dry brown days of the old, baking in the sun endlessly. Back to the life of a pup on a goat farm, long days of seeing over them all. Now for the new days of rest in the misty green hills with the good old mate of old. Now for the new days, for the days change.

- Callahan Lang, Year 8

They seek to boost themselves.

By putting others down.

Sometimes they try for redemption.

And try to fix their wrongs.

But once the deed is done.

There is no reclamation.

Someone's choices.

Can change another's being.

Taking advantage of someone else.

Can never be totally reversed.

And there is no one to blame.

But yourself.

- Tate Noble, Year 8

Ready to Compost!

A group of Year 7 boys found that a vast majority of the rubbish we send to landfill is organic matter that could be used for good here at school. They met with Mr Hay and also applied for a grant from the P+F to get their idea off the ground. The P+F were so impressed that they doubled the grant they requested and were able to buy a number of big black compost bins and smaller buckets to hold the waste.

They have made an advertisement that can be seen here: [YouTube Video](#)

From Wednesday 20 November there will be composting buckets at selected locations around Bosco Campus. It has been a year long project for the group of students to get the program up and running. The buckets for organic plant based waste have been created and will be emptied by a group of Year 7 students who will take the waste to the Agriculture Center to be composted.

They need everybody's help by putting the right rubbish in the right bin.

The program will soon extend to Benedict.

Tom Gilligan, **Year 9 Coordinator**



Mr Gilligan and Adam preparing the area at Ag for the compost bins



Brodie, Morrie, Adam and Cohen show off the new compost bins

Bosco Campus



Just Keep Writing Competition

Congratulations to Ayeisha (Year 8) and Angus (Year 7) whose works were recently published.

At the start of this year, Miss Russack brought it to my attention that there was a writing competition that I could enter through the school. The 'Just Keep Writing' competition was held by the Write4Fun organisation for school students, from kindergarten to Year 12. To enter the competition, you were asked to write a maximum 16-line poem or 500-word short story. I entered a short story called 'The Monster Under the Bed' that was exactly 500 words long. It was about exactly what it sounds like, the monsters that you were convinced were real as a kid. While writing, I took a lot of inspiration from Stephen King and the way that he describes his creatures, making them seem almost too real. Another thing I did, was made sure that I didn't specify the gender of the main character, I wanted to leave that up to the imagination of the reader. I even gave them a gender-neutral name.



Angus and Ayeisha both had their work published in the Just Keep Writing book.

The judges liked my writing enough to pass it through the first round of judging. It had been a while since I submitted the piece, so I assumed that I had lost, and gave no further investigation. Then one day I got a letter saying that I had the opportunity to get this work published. I gave an enthusiastic yes and filled out the form as soon as I got home from school.

Seeing my work on a page, in ink, is an amazing sight. Especially when you see all the other students around, showing that it is real. I had a little voice in the back of my head telling me to not make it too scary as it was for a school-based writing competition. I would love to go back without this block and re-write the story, maybe even making it a little longer. Still, I am proud of what I managed to write in the short time I knew about the competition (and tiny word limit). Here is my favourite excerpt from my piece:

"A ghoulis creature, contorted and disjointed, writhed towards me, a horrid cacophony of screams following with it. I pushed myself away, using my hands and feet, until my back was against the wall. I rolled away and managed to stand up, keeping my eyes locked on the grotesque, twitching mass as it continued towards me."

This is my favourite part because it is only 55 words long, but still manages to be so descriptive, and instil a sense of fear. It really lets you picture the main character and everything that they are feeling in the moment.

Ayeisha Everett, Year 8

I entered the Write 4 Fun competition after seeing a poster my English teacher had put up in the classroom.

After I read the instructions (and saw what the prizes were as an incentive!) I decided to try and write a story. I am an avid reader, and through my reading, I knew that writers should always try to write about what they know. When planning my story, I thought about doing something along the lines of The Little Refugee by Ahn Do, which is a very human short story, but to tell the story of someone living in Cambodia.

When writing my story, a lot of the characters and scenes were taken from my own experiences visiting Cambodia, where I saw how people often struggle to make a living. The character of the dad is based on a man I met there who had lost his arms and now makes a living selling books on the street. The character of the mother was based on women I met who work for a Norwegian charity that uses dogs to detect unexploded land mines.

With this in mind I set out to create a story imagining what life would be like if I hadn't been born where and when I was and instead grew up living in Cambodia. I thought about the people I saw who struggle to survive, but I wanted to create a feeling that life would not always be hard.

Angus Forster, Year 7

Bosco Campus



Junior Music Night

Last Thursday night 50 of our Year 8, 9 and 10 students took to the stage in the Bishop Gallagher Centre to perform in our annual End of Year Music Concert for family and friends.



Our talented music students on show for the end of year concert



Mackenzie drumming for the Year 9 Class Band



Keeley and Morgan joined the Year 9 Class Band for the concert performance



The Year 10 Class Band

Insta-worthy Lunches

Our Year 11 Food Technology students have created a yummy range of healthy canteen menu ideas!



Bosco Campus



Around Bosco Campus



FOOD TECH: Thomas and Caitlin taste testing the goodies they made



TRADE SKILLS: Year 11 Trade Skills Centre Students recently under took 'Working at Heights Training' with TAFE SA Trainer, Darren Norman



SALESIAN HOUSE: Meg and Charlee share a Christmas cracker



FOOD TECH: Lucy shows her delicious creations



SALESIAN HOUSE: Mrs Dickeson and TJ get into the Christmas spirit



SALESIAN HOUSE: Enjoying Christmas Dinner at Salesian House



TRADE SKILLS: Aidan using his skills with the Front End Loader

Around the College



SAPSASA Tennis

The following St Mark's students were selected to represent the Port Pirie district in the SAPSASA Tennis Carnival held during Week 4; Ella Clements, Maveric Connelly, Charlie Dickeson, Cooper Ferme, Davyn Freer, Ryder Ireland, Jemma Kelly, Lara Mellow, James Porta, and Ashley Wulf.

Our team was competitive all week and some excellent tennis ability was displayed. The students competed admirably and showed great sportsmanship throughout the week. Port Pirie finished equal runner-up in their playing division.

Thanks to the parents who travelled down to Adelaide and supported the students during the week. A big thank you to the students for being such a great team and making the week so enjoyable.

Penny Malchow, Team Manager



Port Pirie SAPSASA Tennis Team- Back: Ashley, Lara, Jemma, Courtney (Risdon PS), James (Mid North Christian College), Front: Maveric, Davyn, James, Ryder, Ella, Cooper and Charlie

Child Studies Cooking Fun



Alana and Xavier knead the mixture



Alice with her little helpers, Parker and Eddie



Taste-testing is the best bit! Saesha, Chloe, Amelia and Casey



Sticky hands! Ruby, Mercedes and Elyna



Mya and Lucee with Luca, Zachary and Archie

Colour Burst Presentation



Xanthe, Bonnie, Sharyn, Dee, Pam, Kate, Eva and Alicia, Harper, Demi, Peter, Kailee, Hannah and Daniel were excited at the presentation of cheques to our community organisations

Bursts of colour and fun have resulted in \$5000 being donated to local community organisations.

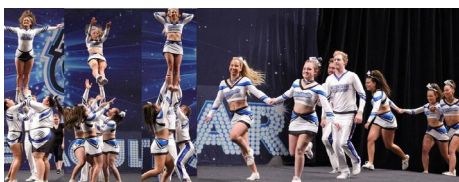
At Benedict Assembly this week, five cheques of \$1000 each were presented to representatives from:

- Southern Flinders Health - Crystal Brook Hospital
- Port Pirie Regional Health - Port Pirie Hospital
- Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia - Port Pirie
- Make-A-Wish Australia - Port Pirie Branch.
- Ronald McDonald House Adelaide - McDonald's Port Pirie

We are so thankful to the community of Port Pirie for supporting this event, which allows us to support these wonderful local organisations!

Congratulations to Year 3 student Kailee who gained the most sponsorship from the College, she raised an outstanding \$475.00. WOW!

Community Notices



BECOME AN ALL STAR CHEERLEADER
MID NORTH ALL STARS
CHEER & DANCE
 2020 TRYOUTS/TEAM
 PLACEMENT DAY

SAT NOVEMBER 23, 2019
1.30 PM - 3 PM
AIRDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM,
ANZAC RD, PORT PIRIE

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

PORT PIRIE TRAINING'S LIKELY TO BE
 MONDAYS IN 2020.

REACH FOR THE SKY WITH THE MID
 NORTH ALL STARS

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!

**Port Football and
 Community Sporting Club**

Open daily from 9.00am

