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The Nativity Scene, as drawn by Aiman Ahmad, Year 4 Blue

Happy Christmas!

In Bethlehem, 2000 years ago, a baby was born who changed the world. In the simplicity and the humility of a manger, this child would bring an extraordinary insight and wisdom to the world. The impact of his life and death would become indelible. The understanding that we have of sacredness and God in our midst would become more profound. As the College begins its gentle closing of the doors for 2019 we are making contact with the joyous elements of a birth and the importance of family. We will remember the fundamental power of love as we anticipate a happy and holy Christmas and reconnect with the Nativity story that changed the world.

The Year 12 Graduation

The College gala night was held last Friday. I enjoyed it very much. The Year 12 Graduation welcomed over 400 people into the Northern Festival Centre and it had all those elements that I treasure: elegance, a sense of accomplishment, families watching proud, a chance to say congratulations and to talk together. It had the rhythms and fun of dance and the sharing in a delicious meal. I congratulate Mr Ken Fay and his team who put together a night that was splendid. I acknowledge the families who put in so much preparation so that it honoured our gathering. I applaud our Year 12s. They looked tremendous and will be remembered as really tremendous. I had a chance to say to them that they had a unique spirit and cohesion. They had done so well throughout the year. And so we asked God's blessing on their lives that that may continue to shine and become all that they have to be. I looked at them in the elegant gowns and trim and well fitted suits and now know that they will make a difference to the world. I smiled at them and handed them a Graduation certificate and knew that they were good people, that they have shown love, and this world needs their goodness and love.

Remembering James

In a sudden tragedy we lost 2018 Year 12 graduate James Ellis-Nunn to a road accident a week ago. The College shares with parents Sharon and Jim, and the children here at school, Toby and Bridie, a deep sense of loss.

We offer prayers together searching for some peace and comfort as we mourn this death that leaves us so fragile. I was able to join a packed cathedral in a shared grieving, and moving ceremony, and felt grateful that so many from the St Mark's graduating group of 2018 could attend.

We remember James, often so quiet, always so reverent, ever hinting at a smile. We remember the love of soccer and baseball, that group of mates whose company he enjoyed, and the way he stood as Toby's sponsor at Confirmation. I remember my pride in his indigenous heritage when he got his SACE last year. This was a significant achievement and this last week has been awful. May he rest in peace.



KEY DATES

Blessing of the Cribs Sunday 8 December , 10.30am St Mark's Cathedral

Staff Formation and Learning Days Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December



Isabella, Shanzeh, Abbey, Brigid, Emily and Mikala celebrating Year 12 Graduation

Presentation Night

The Bosco community gathered on Tuesday night for the annual Presentation and Prize Giving Night. It was a celebration of academic achievement and student leadership. We wanted to acclaim our great learners and leaders. We wanted to formally applaud academic achievement, moments of blessing and the quite inspiring scholarship of our students. There were talents nurtured this year and abilities had been cultivated. It happened at St Mark's and we polished up the new gymnasium and gathered everyone. I do thank the Mayor Leon Stephens and his wife Debra and the Director of Catholic Education, Nichii Mardon, for their attendance. Our students have done so well and I was pleased to celebrate them with our dignitaries. We remained basking in the dignity of the Bosco students and the way they walked across the stage in the new Sports Centre with such grace. They have made a significant achievement this year and have our great confidence.

Benedict Final Assembly

Our Year 6 group finished their primary schooling with a formal assembly. It was a great gathering of our Benedict community and we got a chance to congratulate the Year 6s and to remember the special values of the Good Samaritan spirit. After a day of transition over at the Bosco Campus there seemed an extra energy of readiness from the Year 6s as they each received a certificate. The Year 6s have worked hard this year and were conscious of the excitement of their transition. Captains Zoe Reid and Mitchell Court spoke of the positive experience of a Benedict life. They are ready for the secondary setting and we assembled to celebrate this. So with applause and some speeches we acknowledged the value of the seven years together and the move across the paddock.

Little Lions Graduation

I was able to attend the Graduation of our Little Lions last week. These are the four year olds who completed a transition program over the last semester. Many parents and grandparents attended. It was a delight to offer them congratulations and we all couldn't stop smiling as we acknowledged the possibility of a great St Mark's education ahead.

The new Boarders arrived for Orientation

The College welcomed its newest boarders in a quiet and excited gathering last Sunday night. Our newest boarders had a sleep over and then a chance to see the life of the school for a day. It was a gentle orientation but made better by the reassurance and care of Mrs Denise Arbon. Salesian House provides an exemplary experience of boarding, and welcome and hospitality are its greatest qualities.

Farewell to Staff

The College staff will gather when students leave to say farewell to members of staff. We will talk of the impact of Ken Fay and his integrity and resolve and the hard work and vision of Sarah Sturt. We will thank with the deepest gratitude the work of Poonam Kataria and her enthusiasm for mathematics and science. We will thank Penny Malchow for her gentleness and care of the Year 1s. We will farewell Jane Klinger as she heads to Adelaide and say thanks especially for her numeracy leadership. Finally, we will say well done to Kayla Hastings who managed the enthusiasm of Year 3s at Benedict in such a commendable manner. We will wish Jesslyn Byerlee all the very best for the oncoming baby. She leaves for a year and we await all the stories of this new loving experience. Mardi Nolan is also taking a year off and is heading south and we will miss her wonderful creative contributions both musically and in the cakes she brings to the staff room. We will speak about the importance of the service of these staff and speak with appreciation about their contribution. It has been a rich, diverse and powerful staff team this year. We are blessed.

I want to say Happy Christmas and thank you for the year. It has been rich and busy and diverse. Our school is in good shape because so many people care so deeply. This is a wonderful community.

My thanks for the year. Merry Christmas.

Greg Hay, Principal

Religious Education



From the APRIM



Year 4s with the cribs they made which will be blessed on Sunday

Benedict End of Year Liturgy

At the Benedict Campus End of Year Liturgy today we celebrated all that the community has shared in 2019. It was also an opportunity to farwell the Year 6 students as they move onto Secondary schooling at Bosco Campus next year. Thank you to Mr Matthew Mead, Mr Bret Swensson, Mrs Pia Keain and the Year 5 team for their preparation of this celebration of the Benedict year.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Cathedral Mass

Our Bosco community gathered for their final Eucharist for the year today joining the Parish Community at the Midday Mass. I extend my gratitude to Ms Toni Freer and Ms Elizabeth Munday and their Religion classes for the preparation of that celebration.

Blessing of the Christmas Cribs

This coming Sunday is the second week of Advent. Traditionally the parish blesses the Christmas Cribs that weekend. Some of our Year 4 students are taking along the Nativity scenes they have made to be blessed during Mass. All are welcome to take along your cribs from home to any parish Mass over the weekend.

Christmas Carols Ring Out

It was wonderful to be present in the Benedict Yard at lunchtime Tuesday and hear our Choir in action carolling. They are preparing to sing at the upcoming Port Pirie Christmas Carols. It created a wonderful festive atmosphere in our yard.

Advent

Advent, which began on Sunday, is the season of waiting, of hope, and of faith. And who hasn't waited? Right now we have been waiting for rain for nearly a year! A famous man once wrote: "Hope is hearing the music of the future; faith is dancing to it today."

Advent provides us with the perfect opportunity to have some quiet time to renew ourselves and prioritise our lives so that we are ready to welcome Christ into our lives when we celebrate the great feast of Christmas.

Wishing all in our St Mark's Community many blessings and much peace this Christmas. I look forward to continuing our story together in this community during 2020.

Katie Pole, APRIM



Year 4s with the cribs they made which will be blessed on Sunday



George and Astrid as Joseph and Mary when Reception Gold learnt about the first Christmas



The Choir performing Christmas Carols to the delight of the Benedict students!

Have you read the article on Advent and the Plenary Council in the November edition of The Good Oil: e-newsletter of Sisters of the Good Samaritan? The Good Oil was the winner of 2019 Catholic Press Award, described as a "powerful voice for a forward-looking vision of church". It includes news, opinion pieces, feature articles and reflections. To read and subscribe go into <u>www.goodsams.org.au</u> and click on The Good Oil.

BENEDICT CAMPUS

END OF TERM 4

Wednesday 11 December Dismissal at 12.20pm R - Year 6 Semester 2 Reports issued

2020 SCHOOL YEAR

commences on Tuesday 28 January

BENEDICT OPEN DAY

Tuesday 28 January (first day): 8.15am – 9.00am 3.20pm – 4.00pm

Classes open for parents/caregivers to meet your child's 2020 teacher/s

From the Deputy Principal



In a burst of colour and celebration, our Year 6s were farewelled from Benedict

As the 2019 Benedict students and staff are busily completing their end of year activities, tasks and rituals, we are also transitioning our newest students which is always a precious and inspiring time for us all. Their first steps of formal primary education are a timely reminder of the enthusiasm for learning and the natural curiosity students bring to a campus. With your support, we will continue to tap into this as we work in partnership to ensure the best education for your precious child/ren entrusted to our care.

Little Lions Presentation and Orientation

Last Friday, the current Receptions were a keen audience for the Little Lions' Presentation Assembly, along with the families of the Little Lions. It was a wonderful turn out filled with love, pride and encouragement. The Year 5 buddies were also special guests and their presence immediately alleviated some Little Lions' nerves. Little Lions' Coordinator, Ms Teresa Gadaleta and ESO, Mrs Micaela Porta have transitioned 28 enthusiastic learners with deep care and support. The Little Lions are most certainly school ready and we look forward to them joining us at Benedict full time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the R-2 Coordinator, Miss Sophie Porcelli and the Reception teachers for their dedicated approach to the Orientation Days. We have welcomed 31 new Receptions who are thoroughly enjoying their school experience.

Around Benedict

As I write, the Year 6s are experiencing a full day orientation at Bosco Campus and the Year 5s are enjoying some activities as a year level cohort at Solomontown Beach. Staff are preparing the costumes and float for the Port Pirie Christmas Pageant and Choir Master Mr Isaac Ellis is working with some excited students for the local Carols by Candlelight. The Year 4s are creating cribs for the Cathedral Crib Mass and so on! In just a fortnight so much occurs at Benedict Campus and St Mark's College in general, always too much to mention in this newsletter article! Often the dedicated teaching and support of curriculum, assessment of growth, experiences of a Catholic community and all that happens with administration is rarely mentioned. It does happen and it happens really well as we are blessed with many dedicated staff members, students and families. Thank you for your contributions.

Rest in Peace James

In mentioning the exciting end of year celebrations, I can't help but think about the Ellis-Nunn family who instead of exciting plans have spent the last fortnight trying to come to terms with the tragic, unexpected passing of their son, brother, grandson and friend. They planned the most fitting of farewells to honour the life and love of James with a special service on Tuesday. Sharon, Jim, Toby, Bridie, Norma and family, may you always know our community is here for you and that we hold in our hearts the most precious memories of James. May he rest peacefully.

Farewell

I would like to extend the best wishes of the St Mark's community to students Lucy Fay and Jaeger Thomas, and their families, leaving us at the end of the year. We wish you well on your life journey and thank you for being a special part of the Benedict Community.

It has once again been an enormous privilege to oversee the education of the students of Benedict Campus in 2019. You are delightful young people and I truly look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling New Year!

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, **Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus**

Benedict Campus



Farewell Year 6s!



Ruby presents Madeline with her seedling



The Year 6s blessed the Year 5s and wished them well for 2020



Mr Hay presented the Good Samaritan Award to Alicia and the Salesian Award to Cooper



Buddies, Kodi and Addison



Julius and Trey process in

Little Lions Presentation Assembly



Nash receiving his certificate from Ms Gadaleta



Xavier, Lucy, Mia and Jacob sharing what they enjoyed during Little Lions



Isla, Jacob and Mia were proud to receive their certificates

Benedict Campus



Numeracy, an Inquiry Approach

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Part of my role as R-6 Numeracy Coordinator since Term 2 of this year, was to undertake a Project to assist staff in implementing an Inquiry Approach to teaching Numeracy. Our Numeracy Project Inquiry question for the next 2 years is:

What positive effects would an inquiry based approach to teaching Mathematics have on our staff, parents and students?

In order for this to be evaluated at the conclusion of the Project, I needed to find out how staff, parents and students felt about Mathematics now, before implementation took place. After the inquiry based approach is completely implemented, we will then look at whether any changes to attitudes, thoughts and feelings have taken place.

I thank all staff, parents and students for completing the surveys regarding their thoughts and experiences about Numeracy. I have finally collated all the surveys and below is a brief summary of my findings.

The majority of Staff:

- feel positive and are keen to find out more about the Inquiry Approach and try it
- have a small amount of knowledge of the Inquiry Approach
- feel slightly confident in using the Inquiry Approach
- would like some Professional Development regarding the approach
- would like assistance with resources

The majority of parents said that:

- their child enjoys Mathematics and has had positive experiences
- their child was very confident as a mathematical learner (19)
- fairly confident as a mathematical learner (32)
- not confident enough as a mathematical learner (26)
- they use Mathematics at home in: cooking, budgeting, shopping, counting, sorting, games, time, homework, travel, measuring, sport etc.
- they use Mathematics at work in much the same ways as the above

The majority of students said that:

- they 'sometimes', closely followed by 'mostly' like Mathematics (Year 3-6) and the majority of R-2 enjoy Mathematics (some concepts they like best are; addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money and graphing).
- they can learn Mathematics to a higher level if they keep trying and practise more often
- it is 'always' okay to make mistakes in Mathematics as you can 'try again' and 'learn from your mistakes'
- when they are doing challenging Mathematics, they 'always' keep trying and feel like they want to keep trying and often use positive self-talk to assist them
- they 'sometimes' think teachers have high expectations of them in Mathematics and believe this is the case because their teachers always help them
- teachers 'always' help them to feel good about Mathematics because 'If I need help, they explain it to me' and 'encourage me'

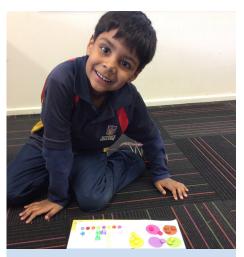
Obviously, these are very condensed results. A more comprehensive collation of surveys has been given to staff, in order for them to act on any concerns or advice.

Once again, I thank all those who took the time to complete surveys. I wish St Mark's College-Benedict Campus all the best in implementing an Inquiry Approach to Mathematics.

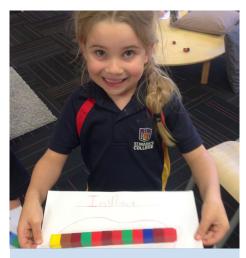
Ms Jane Klingner **R-6 Numeracy Coordinator**



Martha making shapes



Alcuin learning about statistics



Indiana making patterns

BOSCO CAMPUS

END OF TERM 4

Wednesday 11 December Dismissal at 12.30pm Year 7-11 Semester Two Reports issued

2020 SCHOOL YEAR commences on Tuesday 28 January

Year 7 - 9 Activity Day Monday 9 December

Year 7 - 9 Swimming Day Tuesday 10 December

Year 9 Rite Journey Conclusion Day Wednesday 10 December

From the Deputy Principal



Principal Greg Hay and Chairperson of the College Board Alan Zubrinich with our Insignis Award winner, Millie

Orientation

It was a week of orientation as we welcomed our new 2020 Year 8 students on Monday 3 December and our new Year 7 students on Wednesday 4 December. These students were embraced into our community, and quickly gained a sense of belonging. The days were filled with opportunity to make new friends and get a taste for the excitement for learning that will come. It was also important that they were able to connect with their Year Level Coordinator, Mrs Elke Adams. The two orientation days were wonderful and exciting. Students left, I hope, feeling excited about the year ahead.

Year 11s finished well

Year 11s gathered last Wednesday for their final day ritual and celebration. An end of year liturgy was held; it was very special. Mr Sheridan's reflection on the Gospel was most insightful, it resonated with our young people and reminded them of the importance other people play in our lives. He spoke with and from the heart and it was a wonderful way to finish the year. Shout to the Lord was sung as the students left the Chapel. The group joined in a BBQ and chat with their teachers before departing with enthusiasm for an extended holiday break. They return in 2020 as the seniors of the College. An exciting year ahead.

Bosco Presentation Evening

On Tuesday evening we gathered to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful scholarship of our St Mark's students at our Bosco Presentation Evening. We recognized their particular generosity and spirit and the way they have embraced our College community. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. I thank the parents, staff and special guests for their support, dedication and commitment to our College. We offer our congratulations to all those who received a prize or an acknowledgment.

Student Leadership

It is my pleasure to announce the 2020 Year 12 Leadership Team:

| College Captains | Chloe Hillier Harry Mead |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bosco House | Lillian Keain |
| Captains | Jesse Smith |
| Gallagher House | Lucy O'Dea |
| Captains | Leo Coates |
| McNally House | Sophie Hall |
| Captains | Matthew Fawcett |
| Polding House | Jordyn Gorey |
| Captains | Patrick O'Dea |
| Creative Art | Ethan Watson |
| Captains | Dylan Harris |
| Sports Captains | Jordyn Nicolson |
| | Ben Spadavecchia |
| Salesian House | Sophie Hall |
| Cantain (Boardina) | |

Captain (Boarding)

Please join with me in congratulating our newly appointed leaders. We wish them all the very best in their important roles next year, they will be outstanding House, Sport, Art and College ambassadors.

I take this opportunity as the school year draws to a close to wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Mr Marc Forster, **Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus**



Crenie won the Elsa Chilvers Scholarship



Year 12 Graduation



Isabella, Georgie and Chelsea



Ben, Harrison, Amy, Clem, Imogen and Crenie



Caitlin, Hannah, Chelsea and Darcey



Damian, Dominic and Jordan



Ivy, Millie, Isabella, Indea and Suzi



Joshua, William, Liam and Benjamin



Shakira, Thomas and Niamh



Bosco Presentation Night

We offer our congratulations to all those who received a prize or an acknowledgment at the Bosco Presentation Evening. This symbolizes their generosity and spirit and commitment to our College community.

Year 7 Academic Excellence

Ella Clements, Zara Bowman, Jemma Kelly, Isabella Martlew, Addison Roberts, Zara Clark, Meg Hall, Angus Forster and Amahli Farinola

Year 8 Academic Excellence

Ayeisha Everett, Anna Page, Kate Burgess, Amity Lane, Holly Gulin, Charlie Millard, Bella Porta, Alexa Manners, Tayla Syrigos, Meteha DiGeronimo, Emily Venning, Sophie Wilson and Jessica Edwards

Year 9 Academic Excellence

Ryan Finlay, Alyce Ferme, Tom Fox, Tyla McNamara, Eliza Mezzino, Logan Crouwkamp, Ella Dunbar, Gabrielle Cowin, Chloe Davidson, Aleisha Carmody and Ryder Hayes

Year 10 Academic Excellence

Eve Clark, Lucia Alvarez-Chamarro, Miranda Baker, Jordan Ganley, Samuel Burgess, Meg Kelly, Laura Watt and Cameron Honeyman

Stage 1 Subject Awards

- Outdoor Education: Stella Arbon
- Business and Enterprise: Caitlin Tee
- Modern History: Josh Petagna
- **Biology:** Sophie Millard
- Agriculture: Georgina Grossman
- Design and Technology Furniture Construction: Will Peterson
- Physical Education: Lillian Keain
- Nutrition: Leah Finlay
- Visual Arts- Art: Ethan Watson
- General Mathematics: Joel Sciancalepore
- Psychology: Lucy Pennell
- Religion Studies: Lillian Keain
- Chemistry: Lucy O'Dea
- Specialist Mathematics: Amelia Smart
- Food and Hospitality: Mya Giancaspro
- Design and Technology General Engineering: Patrick O'Dea
- Legal Studies: Georgia Salt
- Physics: Jay Norton

- English: Sophie Millard
- Information Processing and Publishing: Theo Dimou
- Essential English: Jessie Smith
- Child Studies: Lucy Pennell
- Mathematical Methods: Sophie Millard
- Visual Art-Design: Theo Dimou

Stage 2 Subject Awards

- Visual Arts: Thomas Klinger
- English: Scarlette Thoman
- Nutrition: Brooke Smith
- Community Studies B: Nikita Anastasiou
- Design and Technology Furniture Construction: Dominic Albanese
- Design and Technology General Engineering: Damien Rhodes
- Physical Education: Jack Dickeson
- General Mathematics: Amy Burgess
- Research Project: Bethany Castle
- Specialist Mathematics: Ellie Todd
- Physics: Scarlette Thoman
- Music: Amy Burgess
- Modern History: Clem Stanley
- Business and Enterprise: Sarah Newman
- Information Processing and Publishing: Thomas Klinger
- Essential English: Darcey Roberts
- Food and Hospitality: Clem Stanley
- Child Studies: Caitlin Gaudio
- Psychology: Sarah Newman
- Biology: Louise Arthur
- Mathematical Methods: Louise Arthur
- Chemistry: Meg O'Brien
- Agricultural Production: Amy Burgess

House Character and Leadership Awards

- Bosco- Lara Mellow, Blake Hanlon, Imogen Good, Trixie Stanley, Georgina Grossman and Benjamin Ibele
- Gallagher- Morrie Coates, Aslin Spolding, Ava Ireland, Alana Reid, Keelie Sjostrom and Holly Reid
- **McNally-** Ruby Dunbar, Holly Gulin, Charlotte Miller, Aislynn Everett, Jordyn Nicolson and Chelsea McBride
- **Polding-** Brodie Fowler, Ethan Keeley, Charlise Caputo, Laura Watt, Chloe Hillier and Scarlette Thoman

Female Sportsperson of the Year: Harper Bridley

Male Sportsperson of the Year: Nathan Black

Art and Design Prize Junior: Ayeisha Everett

Art and Design Prize Senior: Thomas Klinger

National Agribusiness Award: Hayley Simpson

Alsanto VET Student of the Year:

Domenic Albanese

Salesian House Award: Clayton Agnew

Rotary Award for Outstanding Citizenship: Clem Stanley

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards:

- Year 10: Aislynn Everett
- Year 12: Millie Tubb

Elsa Chilvers Scholarship: Crenie Kumar

Soroptimist Award: Amy Burgess

Teachers' Award: Brooke Smith

Salesian Service Award: Lillian Keain

Geoff Brock - Service to the College Award: Benjamin Ibele

Insignis (Best All Round Student): Millie Tubb



Bosco Presentation Night



Award winners for Agriculture and VET, Hayley and Dominic



Gallagher's House Spirit and Leadership winners, Holly, Keelie, Alana, Ava, Aslin and Morrie



Amy won several awards including Stage 2 Subject Awards for General Mathematics, Music and Agricultural Production, as well as the Soroptomist Award



Mr Hay congratulates Brook on the Teachers' Award



Director of Catholic Education, Nichii Mardon presents Lillian with the Salesian Service Award



Fr Jimmy presents Ben with the Geoff Brock Service to College Award



Peter Richens of the Rotary Club presented Clem with the Rotary Award for Outstanding Citizenship



Jack presents Harry with his Captains badge



Bosco Presentation Night

Students studying Visual Arts subjects in Years 7 - 10 have been expressing themselves in three-dimensions by creating an array of glazed ceramic sculptures.



Year 9 Visual Arts - Lucy Grossman



Year 7 Visual Arts - Works by Ruby Simpson and Zac Wehrmann



Year 7 Visual Arts - Zara Bowman, Isabelle Stark and Minette Schoeman



Year 8 Art - Declan Taylor and Amity Williams



Year 10 Art - Edyn Manfield, Alyssa Brook and Georgia Winter



Year 9 Visual Arts - Charli Tiller



Year 8 Art - Jerylee Brown and Paris White



Year 9 Visual Arts - Logan Crouwkamp



Year 8 Art - Jazlyn McBride and Sophie Wilson



Year 9 Visual Arts - Melia Thompson



Around Bosco Campus





YEAR 10 CAMP: Aidan, Bade, Lachlan, Tom and Kiah



YEAR 10 CAMP: Tiah and Alana go for a paddle

LEADERS: Back-Ben, Patrick, Matthew, Ethan, Dylan, Leo and Harry; Front-Lucy, Sophie, Lillian, Jordyn G, Jordyn N, Chloe and Jesse



YEAR 10 CAMP: Meg and Montana go snorkelling



YEAR 10 CAMP: Max on the kayak



SALESIAN CONFERENCE: Captains from Salesian schools across Australia (including Harry and Chloe, front right)



YEAR 10 CAMP: Tia going for a surf

Around the College



SAPSASA Cricket and Tennis

SAPSASA Cricket

On November 4 some selected boys went down to Adelaide to compete in a four-day cricket carnival. On Monday we played Playford. We made 86 runs against Playford and they made 126 runs. On Tuesday we played Adelaide North East. We made 120 runs and they made 124. On Wednesday we played Riverland. We made 165 and they made 127 so we won a game. On Thursday we played Northen Yorke Penisula. They made 176 and we made 107. So we won 1 out of 4 so a okay week. *Brock Johanning*, **6 Green**

SAPSASA Tennis

Day 1: the first day of SAPSASA everyone was a little neverous but mostly excited. For some of us it was our first SAPSASA. Our first game was against Gawer. Gawer was one of the best teams there so we lost by a lot, but it was fun. After that game we headed to our next courts and got ready for our next game. Central Eyre Depiseula to which we also lost but not but as mu



Port Pirie SAPSASA Cricket Team-Back: Max (Adel), Blake (Adel), Adam, Oliver (Adel), Josh (PPWPS), Brock, and Morrie Front: Tyron, Lukas (PPWPS), Jasper, Brodie, Hamish, Tarj and Mitchell

Peninsula to which we also lost but not by as much this time.

Day 2: our first game on Tuesday was against Playford we won this game. But it was not easy. We played Western Eyre Peninsula who we won against quite easily, but it was still fun. After tennis our whole team went to Latitude for "team bonding" we all hung out and this was all fun until James Porta hurt his ankle. He then couldn't play for the rest of SAPSASA.

Day 3: in the morning we played Northern we won agonised Northern, but it was not easy. It was fun just playing with each other though. Then we played Whyalla where we lost by 1 game this was so close but was really fun.

Day 4: in the morning we where all a bit sad because it was our last day and we didn't want it to end. To cheer us up a little penny mixed our doubles games around so we could play with someone different. We played against Murray Mallee and we won by a lot, but we had fun just messing around with each other. After that we had our presentation when we found out we come tied 2nd which was exiting. Then we where supposed to play our mixed doubles tournament, but it got called off because of the rain. *Davyn Freer*, **6 Red**

Tennis Season Begins

Summer has started and Junior Tennis is in full swing, with only two matches left before Christmas Break!

We have five teams registered for St Mark's College, playing in A Grade and B Grade mixed competitions. We also have approximately 15 beginners playing in the Orange Ball League.

Thank you to all our coaches and managers for helping our players have a great start to the season!

Lisa Manners, Tennis Coordinator



Amity has her eye on the ball



Lucas waits for the shot



Indigenous Garden

Our Indigenous students enjoyed a shared recess in the Indigenous Garden to celebrate the end of the school year!





Community Notices



Christmas Pageant

Keep your eye out for float number 18 - the St Mark's College "Christmas Story" float! The students and staff are very excited, be sure to give them a wave!

A big thank you to Barry Ramsey Construction for allowing us to borrow their truck and trailer!

Airdale Kids Club

Attn: Parents/Caregivers

Airdale Kids Club will be open on Friday 13 December from 8am – 6pm.

For further enquires and bookings please ring Maxine on 0437 325 094.

