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Recognising the leadership qualities in one another on the Year 12 Leadership Camp

We are in 'enrolment season' and student leaders are making their mark. The Board has functioned with great purpose and the College welcomes new young people to discover how good it really is here.

As the hustle and bustle of 'the beginning' has now become 'the daily routine', and things have gently settled, we are entering into what we call the 'enrolment season'. In preparation for next year we are advertising for places in the school. You will see it or hear in various media. You'll notice the banner or get something in the letter box. You'll hear that lovely piano melody if you leave the telly on. We are inviting people to come in to have a look around and then we ask them to consider an enrolment here. It is such a big decision for parents and such an extraordinary privilege for us to educate a child. This is a significant moment for us all. I think about that all of the time. I am excited about the partnership together that we will establish and I am confident that this is an exceptional school. The advertising that we do is a reflection of a wonderful community. The facilities are great and the staff is extraordinary. The spirit and philosophy that underpins the school is inspiring and the student community are truly gracious and good. The reason why I would send my child here is because the children are fantastic, or is because of the dedication of the staff, or perhaps the vast opportunity for different kinds of learning, perhaps it's the 'heart stuff' where hearts are continually inspired. There's lots of reasons. I know that discerning parents give us such an important trust. The school is worth considering and worth talking about.

Student Leadership

I had a chance to share some time with the Bosco School Captains on a recent Sunday night. They had been to Mass that morning with their House Leaders and Coordinator Marg Congdon. They then ventured to Mary Knoll, a little property near Gladstone, for some fun and sharing and goal setting. It was a 'sleep

over' and the Year 12s were full of energy and optimism. They didn't get a restful night's sleep. There were too many stories. I joined them for tea and we sat around for a couple of hours developing an awareness of their personal gifts and their vision for the year. These are impressive people. It's a bit humbling really when they talk about what is important and what they want to achieve. Our leaders certainly reflect the goodness in this place.

I had a chance to shake hands with Ruby Champion and Jack Rafanelli this week. They had just been appointed as School Leaders of Benedict. They seemed a little nervous, a little excited and clearly they had considered the responsibility of leadership at Benedict. The Year 6s had just completed a process of discernment and learning about leadership. They were guided well by their teachers. They looked at qualities and responsibilities, talents and opportunities. I am very confident that student leadership at Benedict is in good shape and much will happen.

The AGM of the Board - Tuesday 17 March

The College Board has now completed its 12 month governance period. At the Annual General Meeting on 17 March there will be a new Board created. I write with much gratitude for the contribution that was made by the Board and certainly to acknowledge how well they encouraged and guided me. I will write a formal report on the achievements of the year at the AGM. Business Manager, Jo Court, will open the financials and explain decisions and be accountable to the assembled AGM. I ask that you consider two things: Please attend the AGM. It is the formal gathering to describe the management of the school and it is stronger when our families attend. This

KEY DATES



Mr Hay congratulates new Benedict Captains Ruby and Jack

is a time where our community can ask for justification about spending, about learning direction and about our community emphasis. A second consideration is to ask if you would think about Board membership. There will be eight meetings in the year plus a subcommittee membership. (Finance and Buildings and Grounds, Uniform, Sport, Scholarship, Marketing, Salesian House, Policy). You will make a significant contribution to our St Mark's world with Board membership.

Boarders Parents Meeting

There is a meeting of Boarding Parents once a term on a Sunday night. As boarders are returning from their weekend at home, carrying laundered clothes and fresh sheets, and as parents are dropping off various young people from various car pools, a meeting occurs. The group gathers to discuss the life of the Boarding Home and the activities that have been going on in the school. The group discusses concerns and offers suggestions. I get a chance to tell them some of the things that inspire. I suspect that sometimes adolescent children don't detail explanations

with my enthusiasm. The parents offer ideas and we build that most important trust and relationship. Boarders' Parent Meetings seem so important to me.

Little Lions

Ten Little Lions arrived at the school last week. There were ten excited, overwhelmed, innocent and determined children ready to start their transition into school life. They seemed so small and so fragile but very soon they were embraced by the confidence and skill of Ms Teresa Gadaleta who assured them that everything would be okay. The Little Lions program invites preschool children into the College for a couple of hours in the preceding two terms before they begin Reception. It has become one of our feature offerings for new families. The children are given a chance to gain confidence and learn about a new world. It ensures that the Reception experience is even better. I congratulate the educators involved and thank the parents for their trust.

Greg Hay, Principal



Chris, Deputy Chairperson and Alan, Chairperson of the College Board



Dillon and her Buddy Cleo enjoying the Nature Play Garden

Primary Campus Tour

Tuesday 3 February,
9.30 - 10.30am
OR 5.00 - 6.00pm

McNally Farm + Secondary Campus Tour

Wednesday 4 March,
5.30 - 6.30pm

Secondary Campus Tour

Thursday 5 March,
9.30 - 10.30am
OR 5.00 - 6.00pm

Religious Education



From the APRIM



Liam, Charlie and Archie with the new liturgical banners

Lent is coming

Lent in our Catholic Tradition is the 40 day preparation period leading up to the Easter celebrations. We prepare through acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Pope Francis tells us that Lent is a new beginning and a path towards continual conversion of heart.

During the 40 days of Lent our College will once again support the Caritas Australia campaign - Project Compassion. The theme this year is 'Go Further Together'. Project Compassion has some very accessible themes and stories for our students. Each week during Lent we will have the opportunity across the College to commit to prayer. These opportunities will include:

- before school at 8:15am on Wednesdays in either the Bosco or Benedict Chapels
- during weekly Mass times at the College
- during the Benedict Lenten Liturgies at 12:30pm on Mondays.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday celebrations for the College include:

- Year 12 students travelling to the Cathedral for Mass at 9.10am

- Benedict Campus Ash Wednesday Day Liturgy 11:30am in the Good Samaritan Hall
- Bosco House Liturgies 12:40pm:
Bosco House - Bosco Centre
Gallagher House - Bishop Gallagher Centre
McNally House - Bosco Library
Polding - Bosco Chapel

All families are welcome to attend.

Sacramental Program

Our Parent Information Meeting for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation is coming up shortly.

Families and staff will gather in the Good Samaritan Hall (Benedict) on Tuesday 10 March at 7:30pm. The night will include formation around the Sacraments themselves and the important details and dates for each sacrament.

It is really important that families with children involved in the sacramental programs are present at this evening especially if you are still discerning your child's involvement. Please make it a priority in your diary.

The Benedict Heart

A special thank you to Ben Whitehorn who has designed and made a heart for the Benedict Campus. Ben created the heart as part of a Religion project requiring students to create a symbol of love. The Benedict Campus is very appreciative of Ben's work!

Sacred Spaces

A special thank you to Mrs Jo Wilsdon for the liturgical banners that she has created to enhance our sense of the different liturgical seasons and to enhance our involvement in prayer and sacred times. Bosco Campus is also developing their sacred spaces across the Campus with a focus on sacred spaces in each classroom.

Katie Pole, APRIM



Ben (centre) with the heart he created for Benedict. He is pictured with his brother Josh, sister Chloe, Mrs Pole and Mrs Keain.

BENEDICT CAMPUS

Shrove Tuesday Liturgy
Tuesday 25 February, 9.15am

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 26 February, 11.30am
Benedict R - 6 Mass
All Welcome

Reception Rest Day 4
Wednesday 26 February
(Last one!)

Little Lions Session 3 and 4
Friday 28 February and
6 March

Primary Campus Tour
Tuesday 3 February,
9.30 - 10.30am
OR 5.00 - 6.00pm

**Sem 1 SRC Liturgy and
Badge Presentation**
Thursday 5 March, 2.30pm
Good Samaritan Hall

From the Deputy Principal



Our new Benedict Captains, Ruby and Jack

Leadership Program

Since the beginning of the term, the Year 6s have been involved in a Leadership Program. It has nearly come to its conclusion with the nominating and electing of students for the Benedict School Captains and House Captains roles occurring this week. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 3-6 Coordinator, Mrs Pia Keain for overseeing the program with the assistance of the Year 6 teachers; Mr Todd Arbon, Mr Matt Mead and Mrs Belinda Rafanelli. I know the students elected to these positions will give their very best and I know they will be very well supported by their fellow Year 6s who may not have a badge to wear but are definitely all leaders in the eyes of the Benedict community.

The Leadership Program consists of team building activities as well as providing strategies for leadership such as habits like Put First Things First and Think Win-Win.

From the program the Year 6 cohort selected eight nominees to run for Benedict School Captain. The eight nominees were; Ruby Champion, Jacob Davis, Eden Ferme, Kallie Mellow, Olivia Possingham, Jack Rafanelli, Liam Saler and Angas Wilton who all prepared excellent speeches.

The Years 4, 5 and 6 listened to the nominees' speeches and from that voted for the Benedict School Captains. I am pleased to announce Ruby Champion and Jack Rafanelli as the 2020 Benedict School Captains.

The Years 4, 5 and 6 will now vote for the House

I am a proud Catholic student of St Mark's and the things that I already love about our school are the kind teachers, students and overall community.

Ruby Champion
2020 Benedict Captain

Captains for 2020 after hearing their speeches. Stay tuned for further announcements!

The R-5 classes are also learning about leadership and are currently electing their Semester 1 SRCs. All families and friends are invited to the SRC Prayer Service and Badge Presentation on Thursday (5 March) at 2.30pm in the Good Samaritan Hall.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta,
Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

I love to be a part of the St Mark's Community and I involve myself in St Mark's sports and I enjoy doing community activities such as the Colour Burst.

I am a great friend to others and try to be a good role model to my buddies and younger students.

Jack Rafanelli
2020 Benedict Captain



Congratulations to Leanna who was selected in the Super 10s National Tennis Camp at the Australian Open

Benedict Campus



Getting ready for school

We welcome our new Little Lions students and their families as they prepare to start school in Term 3!



(Back) Campbell and Eden (Front) Dillon and Nate



Harry, Marcus and Harlow



Layla, Aria and Rory



Campbell and his Buddy, Rafael



Nate with his Buddy, Archie



Aria with her Buddy, Kallie

Congratulations

Star Salesian Students

- 6 Red** Samuel Richards
- 6 Blue** Kale Ganley
- 6 Green** Ruby Champion
- 5 Red** Jack Malycha
- 5 Blue** Finn Connolly
- 4 Red** Lachlan Williams
- 4 Blue** Amarli Sims
- 3 Red** Lauren McGinnis
- 3 Blue** Jaylea Cooke
- 2 Red** Hayden Joyce
- 2 Blue** Lia Abraham
- 1 Red** Denver Will
- 1 Blue** Julian Sherry
- 1 Green** Rocco Capurso
- Rec. Green** Finlay Saracino
- Rec. Red** Lottie Crouch
- Rec. Blue** Nash Swearse

Star Samaritan Students

- 6 Red** Ryder Arnold
- 6 Blue** Shyla Sims
- 6 Green** Ryan Smart
- 5 Red** Alyssa Paparella
- 5 Blue** Isabel Irving
- 4 Red** Baden Mellow
- 4 Blue** Connor Lavis
- 3 Red** Macy Lavis
- 3 Blue** Austin Arthur
- 2 Red** Amara Sanchez
- 2 Blue** Miller Smith
- 1 Red** Hudson McBride
- 1 Blue** Finn George
- 1 Green** Macy Clothier
- Rec. Green** Scarlett Young
- Rec. Red** Liam Bellifemini
- Rec. Blue** Luke Mudge

Benedict Campus



Growing skills in Year 4

In Science we planted lawn seeds to make Hairy Heads. After a week the hair started to grow. They need water, sun, air and nutrients to keep growing. Our Hairy Heads are called Bob and Sunshine. *Caprie and Indee, 4 Red*

We planted the Hairy Heads and it was a lot of fun. I observed that the Hairy Heads grew fast. We were able to give our Hairy Heads a haircut. *Saranya, 4 Blue*

My Hairy Head grew really fast and in a couple of days it had a lot of hair. I thought it was fun each day to check if mine had grown. It was easy and fun to set up. *Liam, 4 Blue*



Sherwin and Lachlan



Amarlee, Dolche, Amarli and Sloan



Ceana, Elisa and Amaliyah



Sahana, Lewis and Rykah



Dylan, Ronan and Lincoln



Lexi, Lilly and Sienna

What if Picasso had a fish?

We have been learning about how Picasso does his art and wanted to make our own picture. We chose a fish and wanted to make it look like Picasso's art. We used oil pastels, textas and pencils to make the picture. The oil pastels felt like crayons but when you pressed hard, the colours came out really dark. We used warm colours for the fish and cool colours for the background. We had lots of fun! *Anna and Luca, 2 Red*



Around Benedict Campus



Owais counting in Maths



Gilbert and Hamish being creative



Lana counting in Maths



Martha enjoying discovery time



Eric practicing his counting



Olivia placing her numbers in order



Julian and Luke build a tower



Oliver and Kingston working hard

Rite Journey Parent BBQ Evening

Monday 24 February, 6.00pm

Bosco Athletics Day

Friday 28 February

Year 7 Camp

Monday 2 - Friday 6 March

McNally Farm + Secondary Campus Tour

Wednesday 4 March,
5.30 - 6.30pm

Secondary Campus Tour

Thursday 5 March,
9.30 - 10.30am
OR 5.00 - 6.00pm

Bosco Student Leadership Formation Day

Thursday 5 March

From the Deputy Principal



Our Year 12 Student Leaders on Camp, (back) Matthew, Ethan, Chloe, Jordyn, Dylan, Lucy, Sophie, Jesse, Patrick, Leo, Harry and Ben (front) Lillian and Jordyn

Student Leadership Launches

Today we gathered in the St Mark's Sport Centre to celebrate our Student Leadership Team for 2020. St Mark's College values student leadership and seeks to develop leadership skills through service to the school community and wider community outreach. The following Year 7-12 students have been successful in their application to serve their House, the arts, sport and the wider College community in the spirit of their House Patron and St John Bosco. I extend my congratulations to them all and look forward to seeing them flourish in their roles.

Bosco House:

- **Year 7** Sophie Smith and Baylin Crouch
- **Year 8** Codi Benton and Jasper Cotton
- **Year 9** Jessie Blackshall and Liam Tyler
- **Year 10** Logan Crouwkamp and Tjarapi Laughton
- **Year 11** Quinn Lane and Zac Wilson
- **House Captains** Lillian Keain and Jesse Smith

Gallagher House:

- **Year 7** Zoe Reid and Cooper Ferme
- **Year 8** Zara Bowman and Lucas Manners
- **Year 9** Scarlett Johns and Charlie Millard
- **Year 10** Eliza-May Agnew and Thomas Hunter
- **Year 11** Eve Clark and Flynn Hayes
- **House Captains** Lucy O'Dea and Leo Coates

McNally House:

- **Year 7** Violet Jackson and Mason Smallacombe
- **Year 8** Claire Hall and Seth Dannenberg
- **Year 9** Holly Gulin and Tomas Smart
- **Year 10** Mabel Arbon and Tom Fox
- **Year 11** Meg Malycha and Xavier Simpson-Dunn
- **House Captains** Sophie Hall and Matthew Fawcett

Polding House:

- **Year 7** Alyssa Ganley and Jake Anderson
- **Year 8** Jessica Doyle and Zak Wehrmann
- **Year 9** Grace Arbon and Connor Gorey
- **Year 10** Chelsea Petagna and Ethan Hooper
- **Year 11** Laura Watt and Jayden Peabody
- **House Captains** Jordyn Gorey and Patrick O'Dea

Sports Captains

Jordyn Nicolson and Ben Spadavecchia

Creative Arts Captains

Ethan Watson and Dylan Harris

Salesian House Captain

Sophie Hall

Senior Leaders Camp

Last week, our Year 12 leaders travelled to Mary Knoll for a two-day formation Retreat. They gathered with great dedication and excitement for the year ahead. To begin, our leader's participated in Mass at the Cathedral, supporting Fr Jimmy. During their time at Mary Knoll, they explored their leadership, set goals and strengthened their unity as a team ready to lead our school. The Year 12 leaders are energetic, ambitious and ready to take on the year.

Uniform

We remind our students and our parents of the importance of supporting our College policies. One such expectation is the way in which our students present themselves and wear their uniform with pride. If you are unclear about any aspect of the uniform, please refer to the College website where it is clearly explained. The uniform policy sets the standard for the way in which our students present themselves to the wider community.

Mr Marc Forster,

Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Bosco Campus



Cheers to our 2019 Vintage

Agriculture students are working together to bottle and label our Shiraz, 2019 Vintage.



Daisy labelling the new bottles



Daria seals the bottle



Jessie and Toby with the finished product



Myles fills the bottle with the 2019 Shiraz

A project based on ancient times

Year 7M are currently exploring the Ancient World. We had a visit to our Indigenous garden to build some planter boxes ready to plant indigenous herbs. These herbs have been used by Aboriginal people for thousands of years. It lends itself to the inquiry of how these herbs were used and what can we learn from this for our future.

Ms Lyn Ellbourn, **Secondary HASS Teacher**



Year 7s putting together the planter boxes



Jack helping prepare the planter boxes

Around Bosco Campus



The Year 12 Business and Enterprise class enjoyed the insight and energy of guest speaker Moira Coffey last week. Moira, a St Mark's mum (Claire in Year 9 and Emily in Year 2), is the Principal Business Analyst with Nystar and spoke with enthusiasm about the importance of business in our community. She talked about the flexible and visionary direction that Nyrstar are taking. She talked about business principals and strategies. It was very impressive. Maggie Waters gave the gracious 'thank you' speech and their teacher gave them a written assignment. We were all very grateful for Moira's time and effort.



Khaelen and Brodie made San Bok Chow in Year 9 Food Technology



Ethan enjoying the San Bok Chow he made in Year 9 Food Technology



Year 12 Food Technology students have been designing and cooking their own gourmet pizzas



Laura designed the new McNally Farm wine label for the 2019 vintage. She is pictured with Visual Arts Teacher Amy Tilbrook.



Year 11 Food Technology students have designed their own dish using high-risk foods



Ava, Minette, Keira and Matilda, with their creative artworks now featured on the wall in the Bosco Student Office

College Notices



COLLEGE BOARD NOMINATIONS

We invite members of the College Community to apply for a position on the College Board.

There are 2 vacant positions.

Nominations to be in writing addressed to "The Principal" before 15 March 2020.

COLLEGE AGM

The College Board AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2020, 7:30pm in the Bosco Library.



MCNALLY FARM PRODUCE

Honey and Shiraz produced at our McNally Farm is now available!

Visit our College Administration (Bosco Campus) for further details.

Community Notices

12 WEEKSCOPE Career & Project Development opportunity for parents in our regional communities

SCOPE is an exciting new initiative for parents who are currently unemployed, or working less than 15 hours per week, to pursue a community or professional project over 12 weeks.

What will the course offer? This unique program gives participants the opportunity to:

- be part of a very supportive and encouraging group
- develop confidence, communication skills and an action plan
- identify THEIR interests, strengths and talent
- inspiration to focus on what they are good at choice of a project that will suit their passion
- explore strategies to develop a successful project

The program is commencing soon;

Port Pirie 5 March, 2020; and Jamestown, Peterborough, Orreroo 12 March, 2020

There is also the opportunity for any community members who may be interested in mentoring.

For further information: contact Jodie Bouilly

M: 0429 701 740

E: jodie@investforyou.com.au

Junior Learn to Sail, Term 1 - 2019

Learn to sail in a safe and supervised environment with qualified instructors.

Lesson / activity on Saturday mornings between 9.30am - 12.00pm at the Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club. **Starts Saturday 2nd followed by a sausage sizzle.**

Life jackets and boats supplied for training!

Open for juniors from 8 years upwards, limited positions so register early.

E: info@royalportpirieyachtclub.org.au

W: royalportpirieyachtclub.org.au



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