

# NEWSLETTER

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Hannah, Bade, Lucia, Eli and Eva with some of the new lambs at McNally Farm

Our term begins with brand new Receptions and outstanding Year 12 results. We watched the footballers and soccer players kick off and the special partnership with parents continues.

#### We begin again

There is a special quality and a cohesion about Term 3. The school bustles to life in the gathering spaces with students and foggy cold breath, scarves and gloves, blue legs and icy hands. The winter mornings are crisp. Groups huddle at doorways waiting for the chance to go into a classroom. There are 50 new lambs bleating and jumping in a paddock to keep warm. The grain crop is growing and Farm Manager Joel Head told me he must have put the seeds in the right way this year. There is a greenness about the place and the trees are wintry bare. Everyone is grateful that the heaters are working all over the school and then the afternoon sun at lunch is just perfect for those footballers on the oval or those acrobats on the playgrounds.

We returned to the particular challenge of the winter term. Students came back with a memory of a family discussion about the Semester Report. Parents have encouraged their children about priorities at school and students return to 'do their best'. And there is much to do and to consolidate. I have been walking into classrooms and feel excited about the learning. I sense the challenge and determination, the organisation, the natural curiosity, the resolve for excellence. It is happening all over the place. Students delight in exploring ideas and concepts. I see the quality of relationships with each other and

with the teacher. When I walk around there is a spirit of doing stuff together and of fun and achievement. I want to acknowledge teacher preparation and organisation of a program of work for this term and note the ease in relationship together with the students. The curriculum is set and teachers scurry in the frosty early mornings and know that their students are capable. The special character of a third term is the rhythm and focus on the learning. It's our premiership quarter at St Mark's. We just need to stay warm.

#### The Receptions

It has been so exciting to welcome eleven new members to our school community. The mid-year Receptions have arrived and they seem so determined, so confident, so settled and ready. They look just perfect in their ever so slightly oversized uniforms and their focus to make the most of their time here. They will grow into those uniform and into life here. I acknowledge our Little Lions program for that preparation and know that our newest enrolments transition effortlessly into the excellence of Junior Primary life in the Magdalen Centre. The 'buddy system' rolls into action and I feel grateful that the quality of welcome is such a significant part of Reception experience. The big boys and girls take their responsibility so seriously. I watch this powerful community embrace and rejoice. Buddies Rule! The newbies are here.



Our mid-year Receptions are setting into classroom life well

### **Sport begins**

Suddenly there have been football sides and soccer squads. The boots are on. The goals are set. Umpires are blowing whistles and cars are surrounding ovals and deck chairs are lining the pitches. Suddenly that wonderful sporting life, which was so frustratingly taken from us, is coming to life. I love to see the tri colours of St Mark's streaming down the field and appropriately social distanced parents smiling and chatting and applauding. Sport is so central in our lives and it creates champions and teammates, great memories and quality values. Go St Mark's. We're back!

### **Parent Nights and Careers**

Sometimes there is a remoteness in senior secondary education – a distance about it which just happens. Mums and Dads care very much but can become distant from the processes and the patterns. Subject selection and senior secondary life is full of acronyms that confuse, pathways of study that need to be decoded and assessment conditions that may not always be understood. Parent Nights and Career Counselling reduce the distance. I thank our staff for inviting parents and students in for career counselling. The partnership we share is strong and there is wisdom in our shared search together. The teams shared a look a learning a glimpse at the horizon. It was very important.

I have been very pleased see families attend Parent Information Nights and spending a little time with us to learn a few acronyms, a SACE points system and a curriculum language. I acknowledge Mrs Briony Forster, Mr Andrew Sheridan and Mrs Jane Gibson for their encouragement and guidance. I tuned up as well and said reasonably quickly (for me) the fundamental stuff that we have always shared: this is a good school, teachers are committed, and students do well.

### **An Academic Assembly and the Research Project**

Last week we had an assembly at Bosco to acknowledge academic excellence. It was a formal Bosco experience. The students sit quietly, applaud appropriately and nice words are said about aspiration and achievement, about efforts and excellence. Students are called up.

It is my privilege to shake their hands – fist pump on this Covid occasion – and give them a certificate. There is a genuine warmth in our smiles and the applause. Our students might not like the limelight but they appreciate excellence.

I had a chance to acknowledge 51 % of Year 12s who were judged in the A Grade band for Research Project and the 100% success from the group. They completed a formal externally moderated task. I was very proud of clearly outstanding teachers and talented determined Year 12s. They showed an ability to think and work independently; an inquiring mind; an ability to work well with teachers. It was about independence, good organisation and high expectation. Well done I said.

I started a speech with a congratulations and my usual excitement about their learning. I had prepared some ideas but the bell went for lunch. The smiles and keenness of interest in any eloquence all disappeared and the smallest of furrows appeared on multiple brows. I realised that you don't put a Principal speech in front of a hungry student. Do not ask for whom the bell tolls, their grimace suggested, just finish the speech. Which I did promptly but I was very proud of them.

*Mr Greg Hay, Principal*

# Religious Education



## From the APRIM



### Ordinary Time

As we begin Term 3 we find ourselves in what the Church calls Ordinary Time. We have Liturgical seasons for a reason, and Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to listen closely for God's voice everywhere we go. Ordinary Time, is, well; ordinary. But it is precisely in this "ordinary" time that God offers us a chance to see the extraordinary. I look forward to the many ordinary events that offer us a chance to do something extraordinary as we journey through Term 3.

### First Communion

All of our First Communicants for 2020 have now had the chance to receive Jesus in the sacrament for the very first time. Congratulations to Tarasai Winders and Lachlan Williams who celebrated their First Holy Communion in the past two weeks. I hope it was a special moment of blessing for you both.

### Confirmation

The Bishop has re-booked Confirmation ceremonies into his calendar throughout the Diocese. He has generously made himself available for 2 Confirmation Masses in Port Pirie so that family and friends can celebrate with our Candidates (fingers crossed we don't get that second wave of COVID).

Our 40 Candidates now look forward to celebrating on the 21 and 22 August. Families please make sure the preparation events are in your diary.

### Wisdom

Our staff have been working throughout the year rolling out the new Crossways Religious Education Curriculum developed by Catholic Education South Australia. Like the Australian Curriculum and SACE there is an emphasis on the deep skills and dispositions to be a successful learner in the Religious Education Curriculum.

The skills required in the subject of Religious Education have been named Wisdom. Wisdom as it is a way of looking at the world, our experiences and our relationships which invites participation, interpretation and dialogue. The Wisdom skills support students to develop a better application and interpretation of learning concepts. They develop the skills that are crucial in being prepared for life.

I look forward to continuing to develop a curriculum that develops students who reflect, explore, examine, interpret and making meaning so that they grow into thriving people who are active citizens in our world.

### Retreats

Our Year 9 (12 August) and Year 12 (17 and 18 August) students go on Retreats shortly, please watch Caremonykey (soon to be Operoo) for details.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

### SOUTHERN CROSS:

Click [here](#) for the latest edition.



Lachlan making his First Holy Communion



Tarasai with Fr Jimmy at her First Holy Communion

## From the Deputy Principal

As we settle into Term 3, the recent work by Year 6 student Whitney Johns is a wonderful example of how we try to encourage our students to be the best they can be and to follow their unique path;

**Task: What do you think is the most important job in the world?**

*I, and many others, know that there are many important jobs in the world but I believe the most important one of all is being yourself because ...*

- *you are amazing, unique and smart*
- *you are like no other and the best bit of being you is you don't need to be like any other person*
- *being you means you can be an amazing role model and do any other job*
- *everyone is different so you can be whatever you want to be*
- *no-one can judge who you are and what you do*

*These are only some of the amazing features of having the most important and most fun job in the world!*

### Mid-Year Receptions

The 11 Mid-Year Reception students are already being immersed in this belief and share their thoughts on their first successes of school life:

- *I've learnt about cutting.*  
Fergus
- *I've learnt about being a nice person.*  
Rory
- *I've learnt to build and draw.*  
Marcus
- *I've learnt about drawing.*  
Nate
- *I've learnt about being a good friend and about when our birthdays are coming.*  
Layla
- *I've learnt how to do numbers in PE.*  
Aria
- *I've learnt to build Lego.*  
Harry
- *I've learnt how to write letters.*  
Harlow
- *I've learnt how to be friends.*  
Eden
- *I've learnt about cutting and drawing.*  
Campbell
- *I've learnt how to colour-in, read and make.*  
Dillon

As we journey with our students to be the best Collaborators, Communicators, Researchers, Self-Managers and Thinkers that they can be, we have noticed a significant increase in tears and worries as the students come to class in the morning.

The children were much more resilient when a quick goodbye occurred at the yellow line. Please consider if your child/ren would be better off by walking independently to class most mornings.

Please also remember that teachers are working one-to-one with students in the morning so please be mindful of noise and interruptions.

I'm also most concerned about the number of adults in the Junior Primary area for pick-up. A reminder to please follow social distancing protocols (1.5m) between adults and children who are not your own. It would be unfortunate if we have to reintroduce the yellow line as it is a real joy to visit your child's class.

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

## Congratulations

### Deputy Principal Awards for demonstrating an ability to get along with others

<b>6 Red</b>	Bailey Yarrow
<b>6 Blue</b>	Leila Blight
<b>6 Green</b>	Laura Snowden
<b>5 Red</b>	Kealee Smith
<b>5 Blue</b>	Paige Bishop
<b>4 Red</b>	Lewis Camporeale
<b>4 Blue</b>	Connor Lavis
<b>3 Blue</b>	Peyton Talbot
<b>3 Red</b>	Harrison Taylor
<b>2 Blue</b>	Chloe Whitehorn
<b>2 Red</b>	Braxton Camporeale
<b>1 Blue</b>	Adele Yiannoulis
<b>1 Red</b>	George Olsen
<b>1 Green</b>	Luke Martlew
<b>Rec. Blue</b>	Henry Tiller
<b>Rec. Red</b>	Ivy Adams
<b>Rec. Green</b>	Harry Bosworth

**Term 3 Receptions Rest Day**  
Wednesday 5 and 12 August

**Little Lions**  
Session 2: Friday 7 August  
Session 3: Friday 14 August

**Reception Excursion**  
Friday 7 August

# Benedict Campus



## Welcome to school

Our mid-year Receptions have started school!



Harry, Fergus, Harlow and Marcus

## Reception Discovery Time, playdoh fun



Lahnee, Zaiyden and Indiana



Eden, Dillon, Aria and Campbell



Olivia and Henry mixing the playdoh



Rory, Layla and Nate



Jade and Finlay with lavender they picked from the garden

# Benedict Campus



## Exploring our backyard

*Our Year 3s enjoyed their excursion to Port Germein and Mambray Creek.*



Going on a hike at Mambray Creek



Hannah, Macy, Mariana and Cooper exploring at the beach



Sophie, Dane, Curtis, Cooper, Hannah and Mariana at Mambray Creek



Noah collecting mud crabs



James, Patrick, Jack and Harper



Chayse, Dane, Jack, William and Caleb



Year 3s having fun at Mambray Creek

# Benedict Campus



## Learning fun in Junior Primary



Year 1s enjoyed making nature-inspired family portraits from loose parts



Marcus opens a package from 'the Zoo' inspired by the children's book 'Dear Zoo'



Year 1s added their own creativity to paintings of Hairy Maclary, inspired by the book series by Lynley Dodd



Rory showing one of the Classroom Rules from Reception Green



Playground fun- Layla, Harry, Eric, Rubi and Charleigh

## Benedict Games Club

**Is your child looking for a fun activity to do during lunchtime?**

Encourage them to come along to the Benedict Games Club, held every Tuesday at lunchtime in Room 13.

The Benedict Games Club is open for all students from Reception to Year 6.



Sahana and Kailee



Hunter, Lilly and Chloe

## From the Deputy Principal



Georgia, Amelia, Lucy, Jesse, Lillian, Sophie H and Sophie M all achieved an A+ for their Research Project

### Academic Excellence

Our first Bosco Campus assembly this term acknowledged those students who worked hard to achieve academic excellence during Semester 1. The following students were awarded with a certificate from our Principal Mr Hay. We congratulate all of these students (listed over the page) on their efforts.

### Year 12 Research Project

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who have now completed their Research Project. The College was extremely pleased with their results. 36 of our Year 12 students achieved an overall result in the 'A' band, placing our College well above the South Australian average. 21 of the current Year 12 students completed their Research Project in Year 11, with Merits being awarded to Sophie Hall and Sophie Millard. This is a huge achievement. For students that completed the Research Project in Semester 1, 2020, Merits will be awarded to those meeting the criteria at the end of the school year by the SACE Board. It was also pleasing to see a diversity of research topics studied by the students. All students resulted in Semester 1 were successful in completing this compulsory Stage 2 subject. As we progress further into the richness of Year 12, I encourage our students to remain diligent with their application and study routine.

If you want to read more, check out the news story in this week's [Port Pirie Recorder](#).

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 12 August. This year, to comply with Covid-19 restrictions, parent teacher interviews will be held in the St Mark's Sports

Centre. We will also be inviting Year 12 families to participate in this round of parent teacher interviews due to the cancellation of their interviews last term. More information about the booking process will be provided to families via email in the coming weeks. Covid-19 protocols will be in place to ensure the night runs safely and I thank you in advance for your commitment to following these.

### Ongoing Online FREE Educational Content

I just wanted to make you aware of the ongoing educational content that is available online, at CDW Studios YouTube channel. It is full of video content that is instructional and also informative. Each week they run two segments. Simon, Director and founder of CDW Studios, interviews an internationally renowned artist each week, while they do a live demo and answer questions from the viewers. [Please click here link to access their channel.](#)

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



Year 10 PE students take a shot at archery

### Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp

Monday 3 -  
Wednesday 5 August

### Fr Dennis Handley Cup

Thursday 6 August

### Year 9 Retreat

Wednesday 12 August

### Salesian House Parents Council

Sunday 9 August, 7.30pm



# Bosco Campus



## Nyrstar inspires careers in engineering



Visitors from Nyrstar, Maarten de Vries -(Site Services, Compliance and Electrical Superintendent), Mustafa Saeidahmed (Graduate Electrical Engineer), Princess Ladra (Graduate Mechanical Engineer) and Caleb Wyatt (third year Electrical Apprentice), recently spoke to Year 11 and 12 Chemistry and Physics students about engineering career choices and the paths to get there. They gave them information to support them in their application for a engineering degree and an apprenticeship program.

## Uni SA visit

This month Uni SA was able to visit the College, a visit which had originally been booked for early May. Tracey Watson who is based at the Whyalla campus of Uni SA, spoke to a group of 30 parents on the evening of Tuesday 28 July. On Wednesday morning, she met with most of the Year 12 students. While similar aspects of University study, such as admissions, pathways and courses, were addressed in both, the presentation for each group was designed to clarify and to address particular concerns. Tracey was able to answer questions from parents, but students, who, prior to the meeting had been unsure said that 'She answered all our questions.'

*Mrs Marg Congdon,*  
**Year 12 Coordinator**

## Academic Excellence Awards

### Year 7:

- Alyssa Ganley
- Mitchell Court
- Eva Christensen-Lauder
- Davyn Freer
- Cooper Ferme

### Year 8:

- Addison Roberts
- Ella Clements
- Isabella Martlew
- Angus Forster
- Adam Smith
- Lilly Bowyer
- Zara Clark

### Year 9:

- Amity Lane
- Aslin Spolding
- Sophie Tattoli
- Ayeisha Everett
- Holly Gulin
- Emily Venning
- Jessica Edwards
- Bella Porta
- Claire Coffey
- Kate Burgess

### Year 10:

- Lucinda Smith
- Kalan Caputo
- Eliza Mezzino
- Gabrielle Cowin
- Tom Fox
- Mabel Arbon
- Logan Crouwkamp
- Sheridan Jones
- Ryan Finlay

### Year 11:

- Lucia Alvarez-Chamarro
- Scarlett Tod
- Jordan Ganley
- Eve Clark
- Taylah Smale
- Georgia Pryor
- Meg Malycha
- Amelia Hall
- Tahlia Fahey
- Ethan Markham
- Samuel Burgess
- Laura Watt
- Trixie Stanley
- Quinn Lane

### Year 12:

- Sophie Millard
- Lucy Pennell
- Syed Hashmi
- Amelia Smart
- Lucy O'Dea
- Sophie Hall
- Lillian Keain
- Jesse Smith
- Mya Giancaspro
- Euan Fetherstonhaugh
- Matthew Fawcett
- Ben Spadavecchia

*Congratulations!*

# Bosco Campus



## Academic Award Winners



Year 12: (Back) Matt, Euan, Syed, Jesse and Ben (front) Amelia, Sophie H, Lucy O, Lillian, Sophie M and Mya (absent: Lucy P)



Year 11: (Back) Ethan, Quinn, Tahlia, Georgia, Amelia, Scarlett, Trixie and Samuel (front) Lucia, Jordan, Eve, Taylah and Meg (absent: Laura)



Year 10: (Back) Logan, Lucinda, Kalan, Ryan and Mabel (front) Sheridan, Gabrielle, Tom and Eliza



Year 9: (Back) Claire, Jessica, Bella, Holly and Emily (front) Kate, Amity, Aslin and Sophie



Year 8: (Back) Adam, Zara, Ella and Lilly (front) Angus, Isabella and Addison



Year 7: Eva, Davyn, Alyssa, Cooper and Mitchell

# Bosco Campus



## 2020 Tertiary Open Days for secondary students



### Virtual Open Day

Sunday 16 August, 9:00am - 4:00pm

[The University of Adelaide website](#)



### Virtual Open Day Experience

To register visit [the Flinders Uni website](#).

Campus Tours also available, visit the website for details.



Ask Aquinas Question Time is a chance for you to meet students from your prospective course and ask them any questions you might have about your future studies, university or subject choices.



### Virtual Open Days

- Sunday 9 August, 12:00-6:00pm
- Monday 10 August, 10:00am-4:00pm

### Step on Campus

- City West and City East campuses - Sunday 16 August
- Whyalla and Mount Gambier regional open days - Sunday 23 August
- Mawson Lakes campus - Tuesday 25 August
- Magill campus - Wednesday 26 August

[Uni SA website](#)



Visit [the TAFE SA website](#) for upcoming information sessions and course information for 2021 courses.



'Lucere et Ardere'  
AQUINAS COLLEGE

### Aquinas College Open Days for student accommodation in Adelaide

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August, 9am-4pm

Call in, meet some current students and let them show you around.

No pre-booking needed. Visit [the Aquinas College website](#) for more information.

It's a great opportunity to explore your course options and get advice from other regional students who have first-hand experience of the courses you are considering.

Ask Aquinas Question Time will be held at 3pm on both Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August at Aquinas College, 1 Palmer Place, North Adelaide.

The session will last 40 minutes and both students and parents are welcome.

Coffee and muffins will be served and you are invited to take a tour of the college once the session is finished.

Registration is essential! Register on [the Aquinas College website](#)

When you register, please let us know which courses you are interested in so we can organise students for you to meet in the session.

# Around the College



## College Sports Reminders

It is wonderful to see that some sports are able to offer a safe form of participation to the registered players.

It was great to see people out participating and respectfully observing the restrictions in place to conform with COVID management plans at the weekend games.

A reminder that those supporting these sports are volunteering their time so that students can enjoy their chosen sport.

Here are some things for parents to be aware of:

- At sport trainings please remember that staff and coaches are not on duty

after school and that students must be collected at 3:20pm if their trainings are not scheduled for 3:20/3:30pm.

- Students can not roam the school between dismissal and trainings unless a caregiver is present and actively supervising them. Please note that playground equipment is not to be used before and after school for both student safety and COVID-19 restrictions.
- Coaches are only responsible for players and are not expected or able to supervise siblings.

Mrs Katie Pole, **Sports Council**



Lewis takes off with the ball



Half time huddle at the football

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## Canteen Specials in Term 3

### Benedict Campus Canteen

Monday:

- Junior Burger \$5.50
- 6 x Chicken Nuggets + Fruit Box \$5.50

Tuesday:

- Chicken Fillet Burger \$5.50
- Toasted Ham and Cheese Parcel \$3.50

Wednesday:

- Lasagne \$5.50
- Beef Cheese and Bacon Burger \$5.50

Thursday:

- Chicken Stroganoff and Rice \$7.00
- Beef Schnitzel Pack \$7.00

Friday:

- Fish and Wedges \$6.00
- Spaghetti Bolognese \$4.50

### Bosco Campus Canteen

FIRST BREAK

Monday:

- Vegetarian Nachos \$4.00
- Ham and Cheese Parcel \$3.50

Tuesday:

- Hotdog with sauce \$4.50
- Mini Chicken Yiros \$4.80

Wednesday:

- Assorted Toasted Turkish bread \$5.50
- Chicken Kiev Roll \$5.00

Thursday:

- Ham and Cheese Croissant \$4.00
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap \$5.00

Friday:

- Egg and Bacon Muffin \$5.00
- Spaghetti Bolognese \$4.50

### SECOND BREAK

Monday:

- Hamburger \$6.50
- Wedges \$4.50

Tuesday:

- Country Chicken Strip Sub \$6.50
- Pork Riblet Roll \$6.50

Wednesday:

- Lasagne \$5.50
- Beef Schnitzel and Gravy Roll \$6.50

Thursday:

- Chicken Fillet Burger \$5.50
- Beef, Cheese and Bacon Burger \$5.50

Friday:

- Baked fish and Wedges \$6.00
- Italian Meatball Sub \$5.00

Order online via Flexi-School, PTO for details!

## College Notices



### **WANTED: Succulent donations!**

The Year 8 Art class are seeking donations of succulent plants or off cuts as part of their ceramics unit. Plants can be dropped off at the Main Administration office.

Thank you!

*Mrs Megan Congdon, Visual Art*

### **Online Canteen Orders via Flexi-Schools**

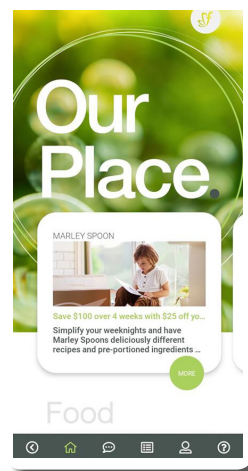
#### **How do I register for a Flexischools account?**

You can register by following these steps:

- Download the Flexischools App from the App Store or Google Play and click "Like to register?" or click on the "Register Now" button.
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Go to your Inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools.
- Click on the link provided.
- Follow the registration process, creating a password and completing your personal details.
- Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App or click on "Log in".

Add users to your account. This could be your students or yourself if you are a staff member, Alumni or friend of the school.

For more help and support visit: <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>



## Community Notices

### **Aboriginal Youth Meet and Greet**

Are you between 10 and 19? Aboriginal Health/ STAY program are holding an Aboriginal Youth meet and greet gathering for after school activities:

Tuesday 6 August, 3.30 - 5.30pm at the Parham Centre (Parham St).

If you would like to come along call the Aboriginal Health team on 86381100 or inbox the Aboriginal Health Group Facebook page.

Transport will be provided on the day and afternoon snacks provided.

For more information:

Kim White  
STAY Aboriginal Youth Worker  
60 Florence Streets, Port Pirie SA 5540  
0447 460 374

[kim.white@ucsa.org.au](mailto:kim.white@ucsa.org.au)

### **Girl Guides**

Do you like playing games, making things and going on adventures?

Are you a girl aged between 7-12?  
COME AND JOIN GIRL GUIDES!

Port Pirie Girl Guides meet every Thursday from 4 - 5.30pm during school term at the Light House Uniting Church on The Terrace.

Contact Jodie Trimble 0448 997 119

For more information about Girl Guides go to [www.girlguides.org.au](http://www.girlguides.org.au)



**GIRL GUIDES**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**Port Football and  
Community Sporting Club**

Open daily from 9.00am



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