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Classroom candles were blessed at the Opening Mass

We gathered with joy. We prayed and welcomed and organised. We applauded achievement and have been making some plans.

Welcome back

There is such an excitement about returning to school. It was wonderful to see everyone return. Beginning again is about reconnecting, reengaging, catching up, hearing the chatter, the laughter of people again, and seeing the new ones. There should be the sound of excitement in our College and on the first day, with the hundreds returning, our College came to life. The shouts and chatter, the excitement, the enthusiasm is just what St Mark's should have. To see new teachers in new classrooms with new classes and new opportunities was wonderful. And of our 915 students there seemed to be 815 new pairs of shoes and plenty of sharp and shiny uniforms and new school bags.

We knew that things would work well. The teachers were prepared. The place was organised. We quickly returned into a routine and we knew that we would get caught up in the demands of learning, the challenge of organisation, the fun of classroom life, and we knew there would be the relationships established with dedicated and caring teachers. Many of us relax in that trust that this is a special place and we just allow the school to make its impact. We know that for those who are new to the College, and they deserve our special welcome, there will be outstanding people and new friendships, safe processes and happy children in the cohesion and challenges of this school. So welcome to them. It was easy to smile on the first day.

I especially welcome our new staff and recognise that they will bring a special quality and experience to the College:

- Allan Cadd will go into senior mathematics and science
- Eliza Fromm returns to teach Maths and Science
- Ben Goode will be the Year 10 Coordinator with mathematics and biology teaching subjects
- Charlotte Kerin is our new Year 6 teacher

- Dilraj Kaur will work on art and design in the senior years
- Brodie Nugent is an enthusiastic new Year 4 teacher
- Thomas Rutjens is in student support
- Ellen Tefanis is beginning with senior history, business and English
- Felicity Sard comes into the library at Benedict

They are most welcome.

The Opening Mass

We gathered as a whole school group in the Good Samaritan Hall for our beginning of year school Mass. Fr Jimmy guided us in a joyful way into the ritual and helped make sense of the theme of 'welcome'. There were 1000 people in the gathering and there was a reverence and focus that is really quite outstanding. Our students are very good together in a large group. They responded well to the theme around welcome and they treated the many moments with dignity. There was a particular moment when a representative from every class had to bring a candle up to Fr Jimmy. They huddled, candle presented, ready for holy water to be splashed on them. Fr Jimmy blessed them enthusiastically with holy water. He had to sprinkle it on them. It was a huddled baptism to launch the year. I rather suspect Fr Jimmy added a little extra H₂O to the sprinkling. The students were joyous with splashed smiles and dotted water drops all over them.

We heard a bible story during the Mass. The story told us about the apostles going up to a man and saying, "Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you". We all heard it. It seems a good message for us. "Cheer up. Get up and listen for Jesus is calling". I thought it a good idea to do this year. I thought, 'let's cheer up, get up and forget that unmentionable year just past'. We are a community of faith. We do that sort of stuff. The Mass was hope filled. The gathering was



We celebrated achievement from 2020 with our Dux Assembly

our opportunity to open ourselves to God's spirit. We got a chance to remember Don Bosco, and his heart full of love. We remembered the hearts of loving teachers and friends and 900 students and a priest, Fr Jimmy, who serves us so wonderfully. And it seems he could bless with a decent spray of holy water. It was a good beginning moment.

Salesian House Boarding begins

Our Boarding families gathered on the night before school began. The new boarders had arrived and were looking a touch anxious. The continuing boarders were settling in comfortably. There was a nervousness and a richness about the first time that we gathered. The Salesian House group is traditionally very united; very committed to the process of boarding. We began in the Chapel and it was our first moment together. We were excited. There was a service, some music, some prayer and we honoured the Captaincy of Meg Malycha with the presentation of a Captain's badge. We shared a barbecue tea and chattered and laughed. The boarders quickly settled. There was scurrying and visits to rooms, slumped conversations, unpacking and decorating. The elements of rich community had begun again. Welcome to our boarders and their families.

Year 12 Results

The 2020 Year 12 results were outstanding. I extend congratulations to Sophie Millard as Dux of the College with an ATAR of 98.1. This puts Sophie in the top 2% of Australian students. She created a remarkable achievement because of her hard work and dedication. The Proxime Accessit (coming

next) was Lillian Keain 97.75. There were five students who scored in the 90s and 42 of our students received an A in at least one subject. That is a huge number of students and it says very clearly that our Year 12s are being challenged and are engaging in their learning. I congratulate the teachers and parents in the manner in which they set up the opportunity for our young people to succeed. This success is significant and it is formally recognised in a Dux Assembly where we get a chance to applaud Sophie, and hear from her, as well welcome back old scholar Dr Mark Giancaspro to speak. Mark is a lecturer in Law at the University of Adelaide and was compelling in his reflections and so affirming of his St Mark's experience. The assembly was about the importance of effort, achievement and the joy of a Year 12 experience. Well done to all. We got the message.

Battered and Bare

The back corridor of the Benedict campus where the Year 3s and 4s have their classrooms is almost like a war zone. It's battered and bare. A graveyard. There is evidence of excavation and dismantling. It's bleak and treeless and it is all about what is to happen. We are getting ready for the College's newest building project. A deluxe Year 3 and 4 centre has been imagined, discussed, planned and drawn up. The tender is nearly ready to go. The building will be quite outstanding and it should be finished by September. We are very excited about this project.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



A projected image of the new Year 3 and 4 centre

Key Dates and Campus Information



Week 3: 8/2 - 12/2		Week 4: 15/2 - 19/2	
Mon	Bosco Student Leaders' Camp Year 12 Parent Information Night 7.30pm, Bosco Centre	Mon	
Tues	Year 10 and 11 (combined) Parent Information Night 7.30pm, Bishop Gallagher Centre	Tues	Shrove Tuesday Benedict Liturgy 11.30am, Benedict Quad College Board Meeting 7.30pm, Bosco Conference Room
Wed	T1 Reception Rest Day 2 Sports Council 7.30pm, Benedict Library	Wed	T1 Reception Rest Day 3 Ash Wednesday Benedict R-6 Liturgy, 11.30am, Good Sam Hall, <i>All Welcome</i> Bosco House Liturgies
Thu		Thu	
Fri	S1 Little Lions Session 1	Fri	S1 Little Lions Session 2 Bosco Students' Leadership Commissioning
Sun	Salesian House Parents' Council 7.30pm, Salesian House	Sun	

The above schedule is subject to change with COVID-19 restrictions.

Benedict Campus:

A very warm welcome back to Benedict Campus for the 2021 school year and to our new teaching staff members Miss Charlotte Kerin and Miss Brodie Nugent! An extra special welcome to our new Reception students (you can see their first day smiles over the page) along with our new faces in Year 1 - Year 6, Dane Crosnier, Chanaye Dare, Ciaran Day, Ivy and Tabitha Goode, Kurt Kirchner, Oscar Mayger, Jace Paparella and Alice Wheaton.

A few friendly reminders:

- COVID Update- Please scan the QR Code (for SA Health records) if you cross the yellow 'COVID' lines into Benedict (the yellow 'COVID' lines are near the front office, the Technology Room, or if you enter the Good Samaritan Hall). If you are staying longer than drop-off or pick-up (ie morning reading) you will also need to sign in/out in the Benedict Office for the College's WHS requirements.
- All students require a school hat for recess and lunch play – please clearly label your child's hat.
- The speed limit in the Benedict Carpark is 10kmph. Due to incoming and outgoing buses, pedestrians must give way to traffic at the marked crossings
- Thank you for your support in ensuring a smooth and very enjoyable start to the school year.

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

Bosco Campus:

- This week our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 families gathered for our Parent Information Evenings. These are a great way to meet your child's support staff and key teachers. Next week, we will gather with our Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 families. I look forward to seeing you there and meeting new members to our community.
- The beginning of a new school year can be overwhelming. I wanted to assure you that there is always someone available to help support your child through their educational journey, with Year Level Coordinators playing a central role in the growth, development and wellbeing of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact them to raise concerns, seek support or ask for some guidance with navigating the challenges of high school. Our Coordinators are: Mr Tom Gilligan (Year 7), Mrs Briony Pole (Year 8), Mr Caleb Brown (Year 9), Mr Benjamin Goode (Year 10), Mr Andrew Sheridan (Year 11) and Mrs Jane Gibson (Year 12).
- This year we welcome some new staff to Bosco Campus and we have a familiar face return from maternity leave. Each bring lots of experience and talents and will continue to enrich us as a community. Please welcome Mr Benjamin Goode, Ms Dilraj Kaur, Mr Allan Cadd, Ms Ellen Tefanis, Mr Thomas Rutjens and Mrs Jesslyn Byerlee.
- A friendly reminder that in Term 1 all student needs to wear a hat. Please support your child in making sure this is packed each day.

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

Religious Education



From the APRIM

COME AND STAY- See I am making all things new!

Welcome to the 2021 school year. It has launched with the theme "Come and Stay – See I am making all things new". This theme was inspired by Pope Francis' call to care for ourselves and each other in his book Fratelli Tutti. It is also inspired by his book Let Us Dream - a path to a better future. In this text he urges us to take the lessons from the pandemic we are in and pave a way to a more sustainable and peaceful world.

I am excited to watch as each class explores the idea of welcome and hope with this theme over the first few weeks. Hopefully your children will share a little with you about the story of Lydia who is welcoming, generous and shows initiative. I am sure it will set them up for a successful year with a sense of belonging and purpose.

Staff Commissioning Mass

On Friday 22 January all staff gathered in the Cathedral with Fr Jimmy, Deacon Gary, our parishioners and Helen McKeough, Sandra Hewson and Frankie Roberts from the Catholic Education Office. We shared in Eucharist to renew our commitment to this wonderful vocation of working in community at St Mark's College. We especially welcomed our new staff members as they begin their time with us.

Blessing our Year

As we began in our classrooms on the first day each class blessed their room as a place of welcome and belonging. This was done with a ritual of "chalking the door". We wrote the symbols for bless this home in 2021. As the image of chalk fades we will remember the sign we have made and transfer it to our hearts and habits this year.

The entire College community then came together for the Opening Mass at the end of Week 1. We blessed the Holy Water and our class candles. We shared in Eucharist and in song.

Santo Nino

It was a great honour to join the Filipino community for the 10th Santo Nino Fiesta here in Port Pirie. It was also the anniversary of 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines. While COVID may have reduced the numbers,



Fr Jimmy distributes Communion to Hamish at the Opening Mass

the joy, faith and festivity was very rich. This great feast has developed and progressed over the time it has been celebrated locally. It has given the culture and the people a proper and prominent place in our local Church community. My congratulations to those who worked so hard to create a fitting tribute to the history and growth of this tradition. My thanks to the committee for welcoming me into the celebrations.

Boarders beginning liturgy

My thanks to the students who so capably led the Beginning of the Year Boarding Liturgy. It was great to see old faces back and to welcome our new boarding students and families. I hope it is a blessed year for you all.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



New St Mark's staff at the Commissioning Mass



Addison performs the actions to 'All the People Said Amen'

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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



Santo Nino celebrations at the Cathedral



'Come and Stay' message at the Boarders welcome liturgy

Starting School

Reception Blue share some favourite moments of starting school!



Koby and Delta enjoying Jitter Juice, a special drink to take first day nerves away!

"Reading books, my favourite is 'Where is the Green Sheep!'"

Delta

"Learning maths, I traced around a gingerbread man."

Olivia

"Having a Zooper Dooper!"

Jack

"Playing on the yellow playground."

Cheston

"Everything!"

Alfie

"Making new friends."

Koby

"Going on the slide on the playground!"

Fraiser

"Learning new things."

Delaney



Delaney and Jack create nature art



Fraiser and Cheston create nature art



Olivia and Alfie enjoying Jitter Juice



Reception Blue on the first day of school, Alfie, Jack, Koby, Fraiser, Cheston, Aiden, Delaney, Dillon, Olivia, Delta and Eden

Around Benedict Campus



WELCOME > We welcome Ethan, Ted, Airrah and Charlie to Reception Gold



MATHS > Rory makes a pattern during maths in Reception Gold



WELCOME > We welcome Ainslee, Jameson and Evie-Rose to Reception Red



NATURE > Fraser and Harry make nature-inspired name art in 1 Blue



WELCOME > We welcome our new teachers, Brodie Nugent and Charlotte Kerin



WELCOME > We welcome Ruby, Colton, Sienna and Frankie to Reception Green



WELCOME > We welcome Dante, Gracie, Abdullah and Flynn to Reception Red



WELCOME > We welcome Mia, Elsy, Nate N and Nate C to Reception Gold



WELCOME > We welcome Amahli, Haze, Estella and Bastianto to Reception Green



WELCOME > We welcome Shan to Reception Green



MATHS > Aria makes a pattern with chairs and stools in Reception Gold



NATURE > Isla and Xavier make nature-inspired name art in 1 Blue

Dux Assembly

We celebrated the extraordinary student achievements from 2020 at our annual Dux Assembly.



Sophie M with Mr Hay, Dr Giancaspro and Year 2 students Isabelle and Fletcher

Congratulations to our students who were recognised at the Dux Assembly:

College Dux : Sophie Millard who achieved an ATAR of 98.1

ATAR of 90+ : Sophie Millard, Lillian Keain, Lucy O'Dea, Amelia Smart and Sophie Hall

Merit (A+) : Lillian Keain, Lucy O'Dea, Georgia Salt and Chloe Wright

"Appreciate not only your teachers, but the culture here. Adelaide is a big place with a lot of schools, but believe me, St Mark's has a wonderful reputation."

Dr Mark Giancaspro, Guest Speaker and Old Scholar from the Class of 2004



Georgia is recognised for her Merit Award



Proud parents Jack and Pia with Lillian



Sophie is recognised for her ATAR of 90.1



Chloe is recognised for her Merit Award



Amelia with her proud Mum and Auntie, Susie and Simone

Bosco Campus



BORDERS > House Parents David and Denise with Boarding House Captain Meg at the Salesian House Liturgy



YEAR 7 > Jacob, Jack R and Jack H listen intently in Mrs Clarke's science lesson



WELCOME > We welcome our new teachers, Benjamin Goode, Allan Cadd, Dilraj Kaur, Ellen Tefanis and Education Support Officer Thomas Rutjens



YEAR 7 > First PE lesson for our Year 7s



TRADE SKILLS > Bade and Tom start their studies in Automotive at the Trade Skills Centre



BORDERS > Charlee offers a prayer at the Salesian House Liturgy



TRADE SKILLS > Montana and Tilly start their studies in Automotive at the Trade Skills Centre



INTRODUCING > Felicity Sard and Sarah Pilkington are new to our College Administration Team.

Felicity (left) is the Cross-Campus Library Assistant and works in the libraries across both campuses. Sarah (right) is the Debtor Support Officer and assists families with their queries about College Fees. Sarah has been at the College since 2020.



P+F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Considered joining the Parents and Friends Association? Come to the AGM:
Monday 1 March, 7pm
New members most welcome!

YUM! Get your McNally Farm Honey!

Drop into the Benedict or Main Administration Office to purchase a jar of McNally Farm Honey.

\$9 for a large jar (smaller jars coming soon).



Community Notices

Start the Chat- Safer Internet Day

Port Pirie Police will be hosting an Internet Safety community information session:
Tuesday 9 February, 5.00 - 6.30pm
Port Pirie Regional Library

For information, [click here](#).

Port Pirie Girl Guides

Do you like GAMES and CHALLENGES, MAKING things, LEARNING useful skills, and going on ADVENTURES? If so come and try Port Pirie Girl Guides!

We welcome girls aged between 8-12 years old to join our Unit.

We meet on Thursday afternoons from 4pm-5.30pm at the Light House Uniting Church on The Terrace.

Contact Unit Leader Jodie Trimble on 0448 997 119. For more information about Girl Guides go to www.girlguides.org.au

Music Tuition

Wendy Palmer has lesson times available for piano, guitar and singing tuition. For information, please phone 0439 164 899.

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- ✔ Tap
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Events at Port Pirie Library

Youth events

For 11-17 year olds, Tuesday's starting at 4pm:

- 2 Feb - Pillowcase Art
- 9 and 23 Feb, 9 and 23 Mar and 6 April - Tuesday Hangouts
- 16 Feb - Pancakes (gold coin donation)
- 2 and 16 Mar - Add to Artwork
- 30 Mar - Photography (gold coin donation)

Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce occurs every Thursday morning at 10am. Songs, Rhymes and sometimes a story for babies and their carers

Lego Club

Lego Club is every Thursday afternoon at 3:45pm for ages 5-12, bookings required on 8632 1649.

Port Football and Community Sporting Club

Open daily from 9.00am



Online Canteen Orders for Benedict and Bosco:

www.flexischools.com.au

