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Benedict celebrated its student leaders at the SRC Liturgy, pictured are Flynn, Eve, Mr Hay, Ms Gadaleta, Angus and Quinn

Leaders emerge and there is a night about Sacraments. A Board is formed, McNally Farm is celebrated and we join in with Harmony.

SRC Leadership at Benedict

It was a delight for me to be invited to the Benedict Campus to see many young people receive badges of leadership at a grand assembly. The new Student Representative Council and Student Leaders were announced and presented to the community. The new leaders were excited and very serious about their commission. They had earned the confidence of the students and teachers and stepped forward and made a commitment to lead strongly. It was a bit like the gospel that was read out. They had been called to be 'a light' for others. As I heard them announced and shook their hands I had a sense that at that moment they were shining. They were lights. The students applauded them. The teachers had recognized something in them. Things were bright. They responded. That was an inspiration. Light expresses itself constantly at Benedict; in some beautiful friendships, chatting, in the determination for learning, sharing a lunch, wondering about homework, kicking a ball, being upside down on the playground, cartwheels, daily interactions, dare I say even the fun of wrestling over a football is a kind of Light. Finding the light means being involved in the lives of others here. That's what these new leaders want to do. They are going to dispense their light especially Eve and Angus who emerged as School Captains. Especially the new House Captains who were smiling so brightly. I made a joke of their leadership and their light shining from within. They have a voice. They have reverence. They will learn leadership over the next ten months and build skills. I said as I recognized their achievement, their shining light from within, that I would need sunglasses to look at them. Dad jokes still work at Benedict but in this case they weren't too sure. These new leaders have good hearts. They are searching within to be brave and determined. I think there was a light shining. I'm still going for the sunglasses.

Sacramental Night

A large number of families gathered for the sacramental night. This is where those families who are journeying with their children towards a sacrament come in to share a question, listen to an idea, pray a little. Certainly we get excited about a rite of passage in the Church. We gather in the greatest of formations: the family, with our parish and the school. They were all present. Strong together. Trusting each other with the mystery of a journey of the emerging young spirituality of sons and daughters - building and searching, all of them getting prepared for the formality of church connection.

I am confident about the program that will unfold for our families and their children. I know that together we will create moments with a sense of the presence of God. In the certainty of faith, in the uncertainty of faith, in a journey towards a sacrament there will be a moment of presence, profound presence.

Enhancing Catholic Identity Project

Our College has commenced a process, based on sound research, to accomplish the goal of understanding our current Catholic identity and where the school community might like to see it in the future. A key element of the process is a parent survey. This week families received an Operoo request your participation. Your input will support continued school improvement in nurturing the development of our students. Please consider completing the survey before the end of term to inform this important work.

AGM of the Board

One of the most important evenings in the College calendar sometimes slips quietly by. Our families seem to leave the AGM alone. A part of me wants a full and bustling crowd to hear the reports at the Annual General Meeting. I want them to hear of our success, our responsible management, the strength

of achievement. But it doesn't ever seem to happen. This week the College held its Annual General Meeting where formal business and educational reports were tabled and where we held the election of the new Board for 2021. It was a serious and seamless occasion. We enjoyed a small number in attendance and the reports reflected the stability and vision of the College. I thank Father Jimmy for his management as President of the Board and those people who by their presence were overseeing the good management of our College. I am delighted to announce our new Board: Father Jimmy Pantin (President), Moira Coffey, Tracy Dear, Natalie Ferme, Marc Forster, Melissa Gadaleta, Greg Hay, Martin Hayes, Pia Keain, Daniel Lauder, Chris Malycha, Kate McBride, Katie Pole and Jo Court (Executive Officer).

We now launch out into a new year with an energetic and vibrant Committee system. I acknowledge particularly the generosity and work of Danny Doyle and Meriam DeVries who finish their time on the Board. They brought insight and a generosity of spirit to the group. Of particular significance is the conclusion of the leadership of Alan Zubrinich. He has been an outstanding servant of the College in his capacity as Board Chair for 9 years. We are in a good place to build on our success because of Alan's guidance and support. We have a talented group to continue the continuing ongoing improvement at St Mark's. All is well. It didn't have to be such a big occasion after all.

Harmony Day

We were awash with orange. Banners and bunting, balls and ballet. There was orange tops worn, and orange topping on sweet celebrations. It was high viz fun and a moment to say let's make this a better world. Let's be unified in our diversity. Let's try hard at this community. Our students want this to be a good place; a place of harmony. They respond so energetically to aspiration and quality values.

McNally Farm Barbecue

We gather all the sponsors and friends of the Agricultural Centre for a barbecue tea once a year. On Thursday night they came. Farmers, businessmen, stock agents, patrons,



Celebrating Harmony Day at Bosco

agrarians all. John Slade and Paul Cagney got the sausages sizzling and there was a camaraderie and unity about the event. Three of our students Anthony, Georgia and Isabelle had a chance to speak about their McNally Farm experience. We wanted the visitors to know that things are exciting on the Farm. Our students spoke so well about their involvement. We wanted our visitors to know how grateful we were for their patronage. Our students benefit from their donation or teaching or guidance. We have developed programs in the school that support the future of rural industry including some great stuff in the Trade Skills Centre. So we drank and ate. I had a chance to talk with some wonderful characters over the barbecue and celebrate the Agricultural Centre and all the people who support its success. We were toasting what we value at St Mark's: flexible learning, opportunity and good mentoring. These people support the Ag Centre by giving advice on livestock, offering expertise on machinery, donating time and equipment. The whole place flourishes because of their patronage as well as the wonderful work done by teachers, Farm Manager Joel Head and Brian Hayes. I enjoyed the stories, the clear comradeship of a community of men and women and was easily caught up in the special magic of the McNally Farm. It's an outstanding place.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



Toasting our McNally Farm supporters at the annual Ag BBQ

Key Dates and Campus Information



Week 9: 22/3 - 26/3		Week 10: 29/3 - 2/4		Week 11: 5/4 - 9/4	
Mon	P+F Hot Cross Bun orders due	Mon	Parent Teacher Interviews	Mon	Easter Monday, Public Holiday
	Soccer registrations due		Easter Re-enactment #1 Good Samaritan Hall, 2.00pm Year 5 families only		
Tues	Diocesan Assembly	Tues	Easter Re-enactment #2 Good Samaritan Hall, 9.15am Year 5 families only	Tues	Staff Formation and Learning, Student Free Day, R - 12
Wed	Diocesan Assembly and Chrism Mass	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews	Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu	Reception and Year 1 Gymnastics	Thu	Bosco Easter Liturgy Reception and Year 1 Gymnastics	Thu	Student Free Week, R - 6 only
Fri	Little Lions Session 7	Fri	Good Friday, Public Holiday	Fri	
	Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival Netball registrations due				End of Term, Dismissal 12.30pm

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

Benedict Campus:

After a week of fun and inclusive activities, I wanted to share this creative overview of Harmony Week celebrations at Benedict:

Harmony Week at Benedict

Acknowledges we gather on Nukunu land and the importance of our Indigenous heritage

Recognises we are all different and our differences should be shared and celebrated

Money is raised for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

Orange is worn, displayed and sighted as it encourages self-respect and respect of others

New friendships are formed as

Year levels mix and engage in extra special activities and conversations

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus



Bosco Campus:

- The Bosco Centre was filled with energy on Wednesday evening as Year 12 parents, teachers and students gathered to discuss progress and learning. This partnership is an important one and reflects the dedication to educational excellence in our community. If you were unable to attend and would like to schedule a meeting or phone call with a teacher, please contact the Bosco Student Office or your child's subject teacher directly.
- On Thursday we celebrated diversity through our commitment to Harmony Day. It was a day of 'orange-filled' unity. Various stalls were organised around the College, each raising funds for Project Compassion. It was wonderful to see our student leaders raising awareness around the importance of harmony.
- On Friday 25 March, Year 7 and Year 9 students will be undertaking a Practice NAPLAN Test. The National NAPLAN Test will be held in May. An Operoo will be sent to all parents with more information. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Bosco Student Office.

Mr Marc Forster, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Religious Education



From the APRIM

Project Compassion Harmony

We used our Harmony Week to focus on supporting our neighbours in need through Project Compassion. Students wore orange and participated in a range of awareness activities to support appreciation of diversity and promote inclusivity in our College community. Thank you to the student leaders who facilitated many of these activities.

Sacramental meeting

Last week we gathered to launch the Sacramental Preparation Journey for our 2021 candidates. Parents who were unable to be present at the meeting can collect the commitment forms and program details from the St Mark's Parish Office at 28 Norman Street or by phoning 8632 3977.

Holy Week is approaching

During Holy Week there will be a number of events to commemorate Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.

Due to current COVID restrictions, Year 5 families only are invited to attend one of the two Easter Re-enactments presented by our Year 5 students. These will take place Monday 29 March, 2pm and Tuesday 30 March, 9:15am in the Good Samaritan Hall. On Holy Thursday the Bosco community will gather together to prayerfully enter the Easter celebration.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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2 Red celebrating Harmony Day



Enjoying activities on Harmony Day, Flynn, Kalan, Montana and Taliyah



Enjoying iceblocks on Harmony Day, Henry, James and Eric



Enjoying their first Harmony Day at Bosco, Aspen, Mahalia, Cooper, Sophie, Charlie, Eden and Poppy

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our SRC leaders who were officially commissioned as leaders last week.



Year 6 House Captains Peyton, Joel and Lilli speak at the liturgy



Alfie is congratulated by Mr Hay



Mr Hay congratulates Joseph



James becomes an SRC Leader

Congratulations

6B	Paige Bishop	Joseph Caldarola
6R	Molly Hudson	Charlie Waters
6G	Demi Smith	Oscar Mayger
5B	Saranya Pal	Bailey Ferme
5R	Amarli Sims	Liam Wright
4B	Peyton Talbot	William Bishop
4R	Lauren McGinnis	James Mudge
3B	Madison Burford	Hugo Davis
3R	Brielle Williams	Junwoo Kim
2B	Mia Harmer	Flynn Haskett
2R	Indiana McArdle	Harvie Fleming
1B	Indiana Kelly	Fraser Cadd
1R	Lucy Arboit	Henry Tiller
RB	Dillon Wardle	Alfie Simpson
RGo	Elsy Ironside	Rory Bowman
RGr	Layla Farrugia	Bastian Loizeau
RR	Harlow Pollard	Abdullah Ansari



Molly is presented as a SRC Leader



Mr Hay congratulates Lauren

Around Benedict Campus



LEGO CLUB > Lincoln and Leo enjoying Lego Club in the Library



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY > Reception Green helping to clean up Benedict



NUMERACY > Abdullah measures his stuffed toy with wooden discs



HARMONY WEEK > Emily and Koby enjoy Harmony Week activities



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY > Sienna and Bastian help to clean up Benedict



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY > Flynn, Dante, Marcus, Gracie and Evie-Rose help to clean up Benedict



HARMONY WEEK > Year 1 students enjoying activities with the Year 6s



HARMONY WEEK > James, Harper and Isabelle share a game



NUMERACY > Jameson brings his toy to school to learn about measuring



HARMONY WEEK > Max, Ronan and Jack having fun with the outdoor activities

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Year 7 Camp



Eden, Finley and Aspen test their raft

"Over our three days at camp, we had many delicious meals but I liked the lasagne most! Camp was awesome!"
Aspen, Year 7

"The activities at camp were really fun, especially snorkelling! We got to see so many cool things like squid, starfish and crabs."
Poppy, Year 7



Angas and Whitney give Year 7 Camp a big thumbs up



Jonathan and Michael ready to snorkel



Jacob and Jack enjoy a game

"On Year 7 camp we did an activity called Beach Olympics. The games were building a city out of sand, tug of war, a Bondi Rescue game and filling a bucket (that had holes) with water."
Flynn, Year 7

"We did snorkelling, rafting and zodiacs. My favourite activity was snorkelling because I saw many fish and crabs."
Charlie, Year 7



Sienna and Poppy enjoy a chat

Around Bosco Campus



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY > Year 12s Meg, Xavier, Shahmeer and Fergus with the waste collected at Bosco Campus



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY > Year 12s Hannah and Alyssa with Mrs Gibson at the Soroptomist International luncheon



VISUAL ARTS > Year 7 students explored their inner 'spirit' to create symbolic self-portraits, artwork by Skye



VISUAL ARTS > Artwork by Ariel, Year 7



VISUAL ARTS > Artwork by Mason, Year 7



FOOD TECHNOLOGY > Year 7 Cooper making carrot cakes



SALESIAN HOUSE > Our Boarders took advantage of the lovely weather going for a hike at Napperby Scout Camp after school.

College Sport



Junior Tennis season wrap-up

Junior Tennis finals have started. Congratulations to all A and B grade teams for making semi finals. In A Grade St Mark's Red have made it through to grand final, with St Mark's Gold and Blue playing off in preliminary final this week. In B Grade we also have St Mark's Red and St Mark's Gold playing off in the preliminary final this week.

It's great to have St Mark's represented in both of the A and B grand finals. The grand final will be held on Saturday 27 March at 8.30am.

C Grade and Orange Dot League have their final match this week with a small presentation being held at the conclusion of this weeks games.

On behalf of the College, I would like to thank all of the coaches and parents who have assisted with tennis this season!

Mrs Lisa Manners, Tennis Coordinator



Zoe, Davyn, Charlie and Lucas



Julius, James, Cooper and Bailey with their coach Colin



Marco serves

Winter Carnival fun

Year 6 and 7 students participated in the Winter Carnival last week, with students participating in either netball or football on the day. Thank you to our team coaches and helpers on the day, and to our senior students for umpiring! We couldn't enjoy these experiences without your help!

Mrs Jo Wilsdon, Benedict Sports Coordinator and Mr Kris Sjoström, Bosco Sports Coordinator



Enjoying a day of football at the Winter Carnival



Isabel looks to pass at the netball

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Community Notices



come and play our winter

sports



Sports registrations and season preparation is underway for sports:

- **SOCCER**- Registrations are due Monday 22 March
- **NETBALL**- Registration fees are due Friday 26 March
- **FOOTBALL**- Looking for U13 players, email Belinda brafanelli@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **HOCKEY**- Registrations opened this week, email Mae mcamporeale@smc.catholic.edu.au

Casual Positions : Office Administration

St Mark's College are seeking applicants for casual work in Office Administration. The College would like a pool of workers who can relieve when current staff are on leave (working hours will be adhoc and only as required).

Before starting at the College, the successful applicants must have a current:

- Working with Children Check
- Drivers Licence
- First Aid Certificate

Successful applicants will be required to complete RANEC Training (full day course).

There are three positions available.

Please submit your resume and covering letter by Monday 29 March 2021 to:

Jo Court

Business Manager, St Mark's College

PO Box 796, Port Pirie SA 5540 or jcourt@smc.catholic.edu.au

For more information please contact College Administration on 8633 8800.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

- Friday 19 March Solemnity of St Joseph- 12.00pm Mass
- Wednesday 24 March 11.30am Chrism Mass, Cathedral
- Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday, Masses as scheduled
- Monday 29 March Parish Recollection, Cathedral- 6.00 - 7.00pm
- Tuesday 30 March Second Rite of Reconciliation, Cathedral- 6.00pm
- Thursday 1 April Holy Thursday Mass, Cathedral- 7.00pm and Crystal Brook- 7.30pm
- Friday 2 April Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, Memorial Park- 11.00am
Redhill- 3.00pm
Mass, Cathedral and Crystal Brook, 3.00pm
- Saturday 3 April Easter Vigil Mass, Cathedral- 8.00pm
- Sunday 4 April Easter Sunday Mass, Crystal Brook- 8.30am, Redhill- 10.00am,
Cathedral- 10.30am, St Anthony's- 5.00pm

Want to umpire football?

SGL Umpires are always keen for new Boundary, Goal and Field Umpires to join us. Experience is not required and we can help you with all of the training you need.

For information, contact:
Matt Giles, SGL Umpriring Director
0422 892 146

Supa Kids Easter at Memorial Park Family Fun Day

Enjoy songs, games, crafts and Bible stories at the Supa Kids Club Easter event:

Sunday 28 March, 3.00 - 5.00pm at Memorial Park (Gertrude Street)

All welcome!

Want to develop your leadership skills?

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a 3-day residential leadership development seminar for 14-17 year olds held 23 - 26 April 2021 at Woodhouse Activity Centre. Registrations close 25 March.

For information, contact:

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