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Liam (as Jesus) was welcomed to cries of Hosanna at the Year 5s Easter Reenactment

Year 5s create holiness and Bosco athletic triumphs. The Old Scholar's rediscover and the staff sit down to prayer. We farewell three extraordinary women.

Year 5 Easter Reenactment

The Year 5 Easter reenactment is an important tradition within the Benedict community. The story of Holy Week is told. Students act out various roles. They dress in a costume that connects them to 2000 years ago. They clearly spend much time in rehearsal. They create dramatic images and tableaux. Spoken lines from scripture are learned and delivered with determination and care. The children seem to take their responsibility as teller of this story very seriously. We get a sense that something special happened and it is important to tell our community all about it. We sense this is Year 5s turn to perform; their year. This has to be done well. The combination of intense focus, of music and movement cleverly orchestrated, and the message of the fundamental Christian story, all create sacredness and drama. From the hosanna and palm waving entrance of the actors, to the staring muted, silent moment of Jesus' death on the cross, there was a holiness about the production. In the surprising joy of resurrection, to the quiet subdued applause from parents we knew that we had been involved in a prayer and a mystery, a reflective offering to God and an innocence and goodness. I felt very grateful to have been able to share it with the Year 5s and the children and the families. I thank the students and their teachers. Easter seems more defined and present to me now. The Year 5s made it precious.

Spencer Gulf Athletics

A Bosco team travelled to Port Augusta last week to compete in the Spencer Gulf Catholic School Athletics Carnival. It has a nickname. It's called 'Spencer Gulf', and everyone seems to know what that means. We had a team of students who had been successful at our Sports Day and they qualified for 'Spencer Gulf'. Their teachers had previously organized and encouraged and finally greeted them that Friday morning. There was some squally, gusty rainclouds about and people were wearing

track tops. Students shuffled a bit. It was a tad cold but perhaps they were a bit nervous. The students travelled up the highway with a subdued enthusiasm. They were going into the unknown and were perhaps a little anxious. They were, after all, carrying the school honour which can be reasonably heavy. What emerged over the day, however, was a unity and sense of purpose. Our athletes competed with determination. They grew in confidence. They tried very hard. Things seemed to go right for us. People were winning. Students were showing courage. I stood around watching and getting very excited. The laughter and the comradeship grew. The cheering started. The encouragement created a spirit. The squally rains disappeared and our athletes jumped and threw a little higher and a little further and momentum grew. On the track we had a chance to cheer brave efforts and fast times. There was a unity that made me proud. I felt grateful to the teachers who kept students involved in a tight program of events. I felt grateful to Caritas College who hosted the event. Blue and red ribbons fluttered on St Mark's shorts. Smiles were easy. They slumped on top of one another in the school shelter tent eating and chatting. There was a messy gathering of bags, clothing and humans. There were not too



Year 12 leaders Eve and Flynn with the winners shield at Spencer Gulf Athletics

many phones about. The students were either cheering or enjoying being with one another. I congratulate excellence and effort. We won everything up for grabs. School honour was carried well at 'Spencer Gulf'.

Old Scholars

The College cares very much about its old scholars. We care about what happens to them and the memoirs that they have of the College. We are committed to welcoming them back and showing them what has been going on. We want to hear their stories and rekindle the kind of spirit that they value. Last year a 'little virus' stopped the Old Scholars from 1990, 2000 and 2010 visiting. We invited them back last week.

It takes a team to organize and embrace our alumni. I felt very grateful that a huge number of staff and students went to a big effort to make sure that the Old Scholars were graciously welcomed, offered hospitality, fed well, given a drink, presented with archival intrigues, and given a chance to tell their stories of the school. What happened was laughter and fellowship. There were hugs and greetings warm and heartfelt. There were delights and discoveries. Vague memories freshened and tales about each classroom, each teacher were told. These were beautiful people returning who were able to define for me by their reactions and their graciousness the true spirit of the College. The Old Scholars were taken on a tour of the College and some generous Year 8s led them around and then transformed into food waiters. Jess Byerlee and some Year 11s kept the food coming. Catherine Caspers, Deb Slade, Shona Waters, Jo Court and Maryann Dunkley made sure that everything was set up, organized and easy. Sharon Sard took care of archives. And then the teachers returned to help with tours, say hello to their past pupils, forgive the mischief. John and Jane Gibson took the Class of 2010 on a tour of the College- 2010 was John's year as Year 12 Coordinator. It was a joy, a fun gathering, a chance to tell a story, a chance to remember a name, a moment, a relationship. And in all that I refuse to believe that the 1990 girls could have been that mischievous.

Farewell Rose, Margie and Judith

We say goodbye and thanks to three wonderful members of staff this month. Rose Monaghan, Margie Harvey and Judith Goold finish their time as staff members with us and we let them leave with a deep sense of loss. They have had such an important impact on the life of the College for so many years. They have been part of the story of this wonderful place for a long time. (Rose 33 years, Margie 26 years and Judith 15 years). They have worked with a remarkable loyalty. They were clearly capable and careful, fastidiously organised and they genuinely cared. They seemed to take delight in their work and they were humble and loving. Some sent their children to the school and all watched their grandchildren run around the playgrounds. This place was important to them. In fact they watched thousands run over the many years and their work was always directed

towards making sure that the place was safe and clean and that our environment enhanced the opportunities for the children. They were St Mark's people. They belonged intimately to our special culture, our family. We feel grateful for their patience and their thoroughness, for their beautiful graciousness. Their job could be quiet, lonely and thankless but they were never anything less than grateful and committed. They were attentive, cooperative and ready to offer help. They smiled happily and they made me feel better when we said 'hello'. They did that to thousands of people. We will miss them very much.



Judith was farewelled in a celebration with staff last week. We look forward to officially farewelling Rosie and Margie next week!

Faith Formation

Our staff had a chance to sit together prayerfully last Tuesday afternoon and become involved in a reflection on the Passover and the Easter event. The Passover marked the escape of the Jews from Egypt under the leadership of Moses. The Easter story marked the enormity of a crucifixion and the resurrection. As part of the reflection we sat down to a traditional Seder meal. This is the Jewish meal to celebrate Passover. It was the meal Jesus sat down to on Holy Thursday night when he instituted the Eucharist. We enjoyed the delicious tastes of the Seder meal (thank you Ms Komljenovic and Year 12s) and we learned something about ritual and family, the search for truth and the intuition towards sacredness. This will help our personal Easter reflection. We will rest over Easter. We will enjoy family and ritual. We will reflect upon the powerful impact of an event 2000 years ago.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



Staff celebrating The Passover

Key Dates and Campus Information



Week 11: 5/4 - 9/4		TERM 2 Week 1: 26/4 - 30/4	Week 2: 3/5 - 7/5	
Mon	Easter Monday, Public Holiday	ANZAC Day, Public Holiday	P+F Meeting Bosco Conference Room, 7.00pm	Catholic Education Week
Tues	Staff Formation and Learning, Student Free Day, R - 12	Term 2, All Students Commence		
Wed	Parent Teacher Interviews	Student Free Week, R - 6 only	Parent Teacher Interviews, Years 7 - 11 Sports Centre, 4.00 - 8.00pm	
Thu			P+F Benedict Movie Night The Croods 2, Doors open 6.00pm	
Fri	End of Term, Dismissal, 12.30pm	Catholic Education Week R - 6 Mass St Mark's Cathedral, 12.00pm, All Welcome	Final Day Summer Uniform Little Lions Session 8	

Benedict Campus:

Thank you to staff, students and families for embracing all Term 1 had to offer. With the Year 3/4 Build and Covid restrictions we have become very flexible and resilient people!

Sincere apologies for the numerous changes to the College Calendar, we thank you for your continued support and understanding as we try to accommodate many differing needs at this time.

Your children, our students, have had a really positive start to the 2021 school year and we look forward to sharing in their growth as the year unfolds. Examples of awesome growth in just the last few days;

- the moving portrayal of Holy Week by the Year 5s, under the guidance of Mrs Lauren Cable, Mrs Karen Murphy and Mr Bret Swensson
- the development of the Reception and Year 1 students' gymnastic skills, made possible by a grant from Sporting Schools in conjunction with PPRG, facilitated by Mrs Jo Wilsdon
- the number of A Choices being made by students in the classroom and in the yard

As we continue to work in partnership, we hope you found Parent/Teacher interviews worthwhile and know that you are welcome to contact class teachers via the Benedict Office or Communication Books/Diaries any time throughout the school year.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter. *Ms Melissa Gadaleta*, **Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus**

Bosco Campus:

- Early next term we will embark on our first round of Parent Teacher interviews for Years 7 - 11. This is a valuable opportunity for families to connect with their child's teachers and open a dialogue about learning, progress and support. All parents are strongly encouraged to meet with their child's teachers even if there is no recommendation. Parent Teacher interviews will be held across two evenings in the Sports Centre - Wednesday 5 May, 4.00 - 8.00pm and Wednesday 12 May, 4.00 - 6.30pm. For these interviews we continue to use our internet-based booking system Parent Teacher Online (PTO). This system allows parents to book interview times from any device that has internet access. The program will also highlight which teachers have requested an interview. If you encounter any problems using PTO, please contact the Bosco Administration Office on 8633 8802.
- Next term, Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All students have participated in a trial test to familiarise themselves with the process of completing the test online. English and Mathematics teachers are working closely with students to ensure that they are well prepared and confident in their own abilities. The results of the tests will provide important information to our teachers about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.
- I extend my congratulations to the students who participated in the Spencer Gulf Athletics Day. You represented our College well and performed at a high standard. I also take this opportunity to thank all staff who facilitated this event and supported our students' involvement.

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

College:

- From the beginning of Term 2, students are able to wear either full summer or full winter uniform. The final day students can wear the summer uniform is Friday 7 May. Please use the holidays to check that your winter uniform fits and that you are meeting the requirements outlined in the [Uniform Policy](#).

Religious Education



From the APRIM



Our Captains Eve, Flynn, Quinn and Angus at the Chrism Mass

Holy Week

We are in Holy Week. Holy means "Set Apart". Christians set aside this week to commemorate Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. This significant week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the Triduum.

The Year 5 students portrayed a moving, prayerful presentation of the Easter events. Their efforts in dramatizing the story through words, music and movements was very powerful. Thank you to our Year 5 team Mrs Lauren Cable, Mrs Karen Murphy and Mr Bret Swensson for their work with the Year 5 students.

Bosco Campus gathered today in thanksgiving for Eucharist and also servant leadership. Mr Hay and Mr Forster washed the feet of some of the students who have been of service to the community this term.

While Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation. May we each experience that Christian joy this Easter.

The St Mark's Easter Triduum times are detailed on the back page of the newsletter. Wishing you all the blessings of the Easter season of hope and renewal.

Loving God, Creator of all, Your Son appeared to those who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the Scriptures foretold. May the risen Lord breathe in our minds and open our eyes today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Eli, Xavier, Eva and Addison were welcomed into the Catholic Church

Diocesan Assembly

This week I had the privilege of attending the Diocesan Assembly using the theme 'Moving Forward in the Spirit'. The key note speaker was Fr Frank Brennan. A notable Jesuit often seen in the media for comment on a range of topics for its faith and legal perspective.

He spoke about how we can be a church that is responding to the needs of today and that call to act in ways that show we are part of a global family. I found his ideas and questions provocative and challenging. I was left with the big question – "what is it that we really want to pass on and develop in our children as faith and a purpose in life?"

On Wednesday the Chrism Mass was the conclusion of the Diocesan Assembly. Our College Captains attended this sacred ritual and our students supported on the altar. I couldn't help but feel proud of the way that our students conducted themselves, particularly those who took on a ministry role during the Eucharistic Celebration.

Congratulations

Four of our Benedict students were baptised into the St Mark's Parish community. It was a blessing to witness this sacrament of initiation and joy. Congratulations to Addison and Eli Murdoch and Eva and Xavier Greise. May God bless your journey of faith.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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



Religious Education



Preparing for Easter



PALM SUNDAY > Year 1s Ivy and Finlay giving out palms at the Cathedral



THE LAST SUPPER > 3 Blue taking a moment to pray before they shared 'bread and wine' in a reenactment of the Last Supper



LITURGY > Bosco students gathered to reflect at today's Holy Thursday Liturgy.



PALM SUNDAY > Reception students reenacted Palm Sunday, with Jesus (Jack) parading through the crowd



ART > 1 Red have been creating beautiful artworks, including a stained glass window Lenten Cross, like this one created by Aubrey



FUNDRAISING > Year 6 student Eve decided to raise extra money for Project Compassion through making and selling Lenten earrings. She raised an amazing \$120- well done Eve! Photographed are Kealee, Eve, Isabella, Molly, Peyton, Natalia and Lilli.

The Easter Reenactment



Our Year 5 students presented the Easter Reenactment



The soldiers, Hunter, Ronan, Riley and Rykah crucify Jesus, played by Liam

"The best part was when I took Jesus off the cross with my friend."

Jye, 5 Red

"I was a liturgical dancer, my favourite part was being able to dance with friends and seeing my family on the day."

Sloan, 5 Red



Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, played by Amaliyah and Jack



Mary Magdalene consoles Mary, Mother of Jesus, played by Kailee and Grace



Jesus carries the cross

"I had a lot of fun doing the Easter reenactment. My part was a disciple. I understand the story a lot better now."

Cooper, 5 Blue

"On the day I was so nervous and excited. The best part was when the Reception kids said 'Where did Jesus go?'"

Amarlee, 5 Blue



The liturgical dancers, Sienna, Lily, Lexi, Caprie, Sloan, Amarlee, Shae, Amarli and Lilly

Around Benedict Campus



MUSIC, DANCE + DRAMA > Year 6s composed a piece of music using varying beat, tempo and rhythm telling the story of the Gruffalo, pictured are Jaida and Isabel.



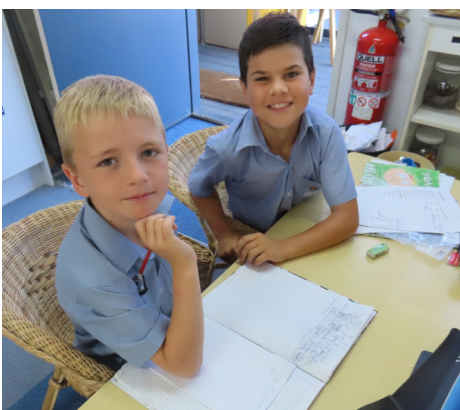
DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY > Year 3 students designed and made their own nature shelter, perfect for a Duplo figurine.



LUNCHTIME > A range of new Library activities are available from the Library at lunchtimes! Each wheelie bin is filled with activities to play in groups - the students are thoroughly enjoying them!



LITTLE LIONS > Jacob and Olivia welcome their little brother Lachlan to Little Lions.



DEVELOPMENT > During a new build there are always some interim measures- students in 3 Blue are excited to be back in the classroom where they originally started in Little Lions! Pictured are Hugo and Braxton.

Congratulations

Star Salesian Students

6B	Riley Dwyer
6R	Aiden Capurso
6G	Alice Wheaton
5B	Caprie Sheasby
5R	Sloan Chivell
4B	Logan Young
4R	Addison Murdoch
3B	Emily Dempsey
3R	Hamish Whelan
2B	Emersyn Benson
2R	Lily Gadaleta-Neale
1B	Luke Mudge
1R	Taylor Reid
RB	Dillon Wardle
RR	Gracie Fleming
RGr	Frankie Saracino Ruby Johns
RGo	Charlie Symons

Star Samaritan Students

6B	Paige Bishop
6R	Natalia McBride
6G	Marcus Mudge
5B	Lewis Campoeale
5R	Zac Bessen
4B	Curtis Ramsay
4R	Chayse Connelly
3B	Amara Sanchez
3R	Hayden Joyce
2B	Darby Gale
2R	Adele Yiannoulis
1B	Zaiyden White
1R	Eric Nguyen
RB	Fraiser Davis
RR	Harry Kendall
RGo	Campbell Starke

Faith in Action

Owais Saad
Lewis Camporeale
Leo Connor

Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival



Celebrating a win at the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival

Last Friday, seventy-two students from Years 8-12 travelled to Caritas College in Port Augusta for the 42nd annual Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival. Although the weather on the day was wet, windy and sometimes unfavourable, our students rallied together and showed immense resilience and enthusiasm in each individual event they participated in.

On behalf of the staff who attended, Mr Gibson, Mr Murphy, Mr Hay, Mrs Byerlee, Ms Symons and myself, we could not be prouder of the leadership, sportsmanship and athletic ability our students displayed. We give them our deepest congratulations.

Mr Kristofer Sjostrom, Sports Coordinator

SPENCER GULF ATHLETICS RESULTS

1.	St Marks College	981
2.	St Joseph's School	909
3.	Caritas College	743
4.	Samaritan College	694

Age Group Shields:

The team showed outstanding performance in each age group, taking out the U14, U15, U16 and Open Age Group Shields.

Congratulations to our Individual Champions:

- U14 Boys: Kobi Ganley
- U15 Girls: Claire Hall
- U15 Boys: Marc Richards
- U16 Girls: Charli Tiller
- U16 Boys: Kalan Caputo



Kobi passes the baton to Cohan in the U14 Boys 4x100 Relay



Eliza, Jordan, Mabel and Meg won first place in the Open Girls 4x100 Relay



Sam, Nick, Kiah and Austin won first place in the Open Boys 4x100 Relay



Capri throws the discus

Around Bosco Campus



YOUTHFORUM > Over thirty students attended the Regional Youth Forum hosted by YourTown and the Commission for Children and Young People. Pictured are Charli, Ava, Tyla, Thomas, Seth, Kalan and Archer.

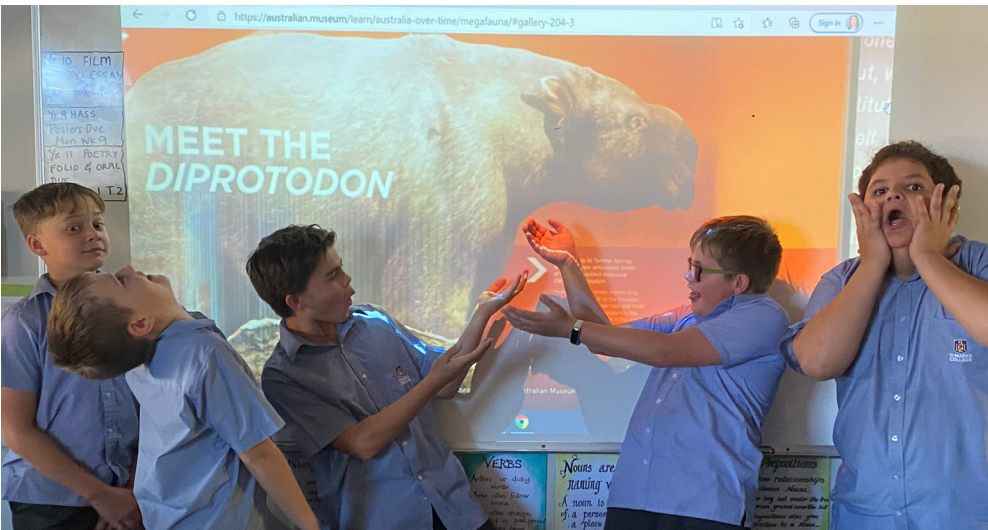


HASS > Ms Travers Year 7 HASS class have been investigating some mysterious things humans have observed, such as The Easter Island statues, Stonehenge and Mungo Man.

Students were working on becoming familiar with notetaking skills, making, saving and retrieving files and learning source analysis skills. They were developing their skills to decide if sources were reliable and what data bases they should use for their research.

HASS > Mr Munday's Year 9 HASS class have been learning about MAIN (Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism and Nationalism) causes of World War 1. In a simulated activity, students were assigned to a country (France, Germany or Russia) and competed against each other in a number of activities mimicking the elements of MAIN.

On completion of the activities, Germany started throwing all their soldiers (paper balls) at France. France retaliated and their allies Russia also responded by throwing their paper balls at Germany. Then we stopped and looked at all the devastation around us- welcome to World War 1.



HASS > Mrs Olsen's Year 7 HASS class have been learning about Ancient Australia (60 000 years ago). We have learned about how the landscape changed and what kinds of creatures the First Australian's had to face including the Diptotodon, the largest marsupial known to exist! Photographed are Dash, Aspen, Bailey, Archie and Rafael.

College Sport



Tennis Season 20/21

Last weekend saw the conclusion of the 2020/2021 Tennis Season. We congratulate St Mark's A Grade Red and St Mark's B Grade Gold on winning Premierships for their respective grades.

I would also like to congratulate the following players on the trophies they were awarded at the Port Pirie Junior Tennis Association presentation:

- Bailey Ferme – Schebella Trophy and B Grade Most Consistent Male
- Charlie Dickeson – Madigan Trophy and A Grade Most Consistent Male
- Bailey Yarrow – Kate Stanley Memorial Trophy
- Davyn Freer - A Grade Most Consistent Female

I would also like to congratulate the following players who were awarded Most Consistent player for their teams at our St Mark's

presentation last week:

- Ryan Hunt - A Grade Blue
- Cooper Ferme - A Grade Red
- Charlie Dickeson – A Grade Gold
- Lawson Wauchope - B Grade Blue
- Bailey Ferme - B Grade Red
- Bailey Yarrow - B Grade

We would also like to congratulate Ronan Schoman (C Grade) and Archie Reddaway (Orange Dot) who were awarded Best Team person.

Thank you again to all our coaches for their time, dedication and the tremendous efforts this season to ensure our students can play tennis. Thank you to Carmel Freer for always assisting me when required and also to Jane Dickeson for taking our photos.

Mrs Lisa Manners, Tennis Coordinator



Award winners at the St Mark's Presentation Night, Bailey, Bailey, Ronan, Cooper, Archie, Charlie and Ryan (absent Lawson)



Madigan Trophy - Charlie, pictured with Ken Madigan



Kate Stanley Memorial Trophy - Bailey, pictured with Emma Stanley



Schebella Trophy - Bailey, pictured with Deb Davies



PREMIERS > St Mark's A Grade Red- Cooper, James, Daniel and Julius who were supported by Colin and Craig



PREMIERS > St Mark's B Grade Gold- Jonathan, Bailey, Declan, Kloe and Minette who were supported by Andrea

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Community Notices



come and play our winter

sports



Sports registrations and season preparation is underway for sports:

- **FOOTBALL**- Looking for U13 players, email brafanelli@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **HOCKEY**- Registrations open, email mcamporeale@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **SOCCER**- Season commences 1 May
- **NETBALL**- Season Commences 24 April

Lent, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

- **Thursday 1 April - Holy Thursday Mass**
Cathedral - 7.00pm
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



**Thursday 22 April,
9.30 - 11.30am
Benedict Campus**

THE P+F PRESENTS *Benedict Movie Night*



Thursday 6 May

Door's open 6.00pm, movie starts 6.30pm
More details to come in Term 2!

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