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Under new restrictions, Bosco Campus staff and students wear masks during class time

Together again. Learning remains important. Results are excellent. Grandparents care and College life inspires.

Together

Welcome back. Welcome back again, together. It was just wonderful to end the lockdown and to reconnect this week. It was so important to see our brand new Receptions walking through the gate a second time. It was unusual and exciting to see young people arriving on buses wearing masks after their home isolation. It was a delight to watch the 'kiss and drop' at Benedict slightly sanitised by mask wearing mums. The Bosco students gathered at lockers shuffling and reengaging on that day of return. The chatter was subdued but there was an excitement about being at school after an unwilling isolation.

We began with the slightest of self-consciousness about the Bosco wearing of masks but there is also a generous and absolute compliance. We began with beautiful Benedict innocence and their trust that the classroom is the best place to be. And they started without hesitation. Learning and school and education is a social activity. It is about being together. Wearing masks this week is part of it. Beginning together safely is essential. Being together is wonderful. Chattering. Winter crispness. Scampering catch up. Relationships matter. All together. St Mark's is important.

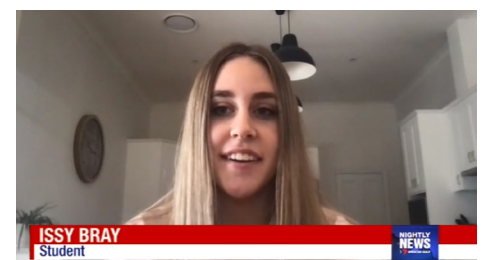
Learning at Home

Much educational activity has been happening at home as students and families address lockdown learning with all its challenges. We were pleased with stories of real determination and sorry that the internet was not always kind or that SEQTA seemed at times unwilling to reveal its significant information. There was a commitment to begin every day with learning tasks. Mostly our young people tried. Others were not able to fully reach upon this challenge. There was also that struggle to keep concentrating. We challenged our students and we will be fine. We will regroup and reconsider. We are back to face to face work and the Teams

meetings online can cease. We will be okay. I am so grateful that the Benedict teachers rallied to support the 'essential workers' children in such a productive way and also that they had this 'army like logistic' with lessons ready for the lockdown. They are remarkable. I am grateful that Isabelle Bray from Year 11 represented the College so eloquently on the TV News to reassure us the learning from home was okay. And I can now reveal the shocking secret that quite a few lessons were created and constructed online with teachers still in pyjamas and having a late breakfast coffee. We are back in place as we should be.

Research Project Results

I was quite inspired when the Year 12 Research Project results were posted. The level of excellence was quite astounding. The evidence of a whole cohort of students engaged and committed, determined and focused, was just wonderful. The numbers were powerful. We had 11 A+ students. There were 54% of students in the A band. A huge number of B results spoke to me about concentration, research, relationship with teacher and effort. I am proud of the students. I am grateful to teachers who mentored and prodded, encouraged and demanded. The learning was rich and the results bring great commendation to our College. Well done Year 12s.



Issy inspired through her interview on Spencer Gulf Nightly News



Jag gave learning at home the 'thumbs-up'

The Year 12 Retreat

The Year 12s have returned for Retreat and they have spoken of an important unity and a deep quality of relationship. The experience of the Year 12 Retreat for the students and the teachers was quite profound. Great and precious time was shared together. The teachers did a wonderful job and the students joined together in a time of connection. It was fun and gentle, sacred and thoughtful and a time to gain perspective. Our Year 12s remain beautiful young people. I was so keen to see them build on a cohesiveness and spirit. They wanted to connect and confirm with what is such an important year for them. When they returned it was clear there was unity. I thank teachers for their inspired support and the parents who wrote of their support. And I thank the Year 12s who have a kind of holiness that they may not recognize.

Grandparents

I was astounded by the response of Benedict families to the Grandparents photos on our Facebook page. We all shared the disappointment of Grandparents Day being cancelled but a celebration of their role in our children's lives was splashed across the internet. Grandparents clearly are a blessing. The images were charged with an energy of loving connection. It was so exciting, and grandparents' faces glowed with joy just because that child with them in the image existed. I am sorry that we couldn't gather. I think that we are a stronger community because grandparents are around. I saw it on Facebook and I see it every day at drop off and pick up time.

Cultural Compliance

Our teaching staff were involved in a whole day of connection with Nukunu elders and the Catholic Education Office Indigenous Officer Matthew Jolly. It was a series of talks and activities around cultural sensitivity. We explored Aboriginal ways of learning and working. We looked at interconnectivity and holistic thinking. We reflected about history and connection to land. We learned about nations and rituals. It was an important day to understand and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives. We connected with themes around listening and

diversity, honour and family. I know that I took from the day a deep respect and ongoing commitment to further understanding and more focussed reconciliation.

Year 10 Work Experience

The Year 10 Work Experience initiative has been an outstanding success. Our young people immersed themselves into the commercial and business life of our community. They learned a little about the functioning of an office or an industry. They learned a little about small business, education and health services. They learned about an adult world and we are so grateful to organising teachers and our community who are helping with this important formation experience. I acknowledge particularly Mrs Sharon Sard for enormous contribution to the organisation of 98 Year 10 students.

Mini Marks

Under the leadership of Sophie Porcelli, Meg Arbon and Catherine Caspers there were some small but fascinated visitors to the College to take part in a play session for 0 – 5 year olds. It is called Mini Mark's and it was an enormous success. Held at Benedict and the College Farm during the holidays, it was a remarkable event of playing and exploring. The visitors went to the farm and they saw it is looking truly beautiful at the moment. The cereal crop is rich and green. The animals are in good shape. The gentle rhythm of farm life is evident and a perfect setting to invite exploration. The children were astonished at the animals. They were thrilled at the chance to make contact. They laughed at the smells. They offered those hungry goats plenty of grass to eat. They were beautifully managed by our Early Learning teachers. My thanks to those staff who created this wonderful opportunity.

Musical

It was with great disappointment that I informed musical families about the postponement of the College musical. Rehearsal was stopped. The Covid restrictions put a hold on everything. However, we now have new dates. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performed on September 1, 2 and 3. There will be much colour splashed.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal

Key Dates and Campus Information



In this constantly changing environment, we are assessing upcoming events with current restrictions each week. Please note that the below events are subject to change. Changes will be communicated to relevant families where required.

Week 3: 2/8 - 6/8		Week 4: 9/8 - 13/8	
Mon		Mon	Benedictian Olympics Closing Ceremony
Tues		Tues	Splash Theatre, Reception - Year 4
Wed	Term 3 Receptions Rest Day 1	Wed	Term 3 Receptions Rest Day 2 Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur		Thur	Year 9 Retreat
Fri	CENSUS Day Little Lions, Session 1	Fri	R - 12 Feast Day Mass 9.30am, Good Samaritan Hall Little Lions, Session 2

Benedict Campus:

- Welcome to Semester 2 where students, staff and families have displayed excellence in versatility and resilience. Thank you for the ease in which you all abide by the COVID restrictions and make the best out of the situation. It is very much appreciated and must be a calming influence for the students seeing us all working together.
- Before we went into Lockdown last Wednesday, we welcomed 30 mid-year Receptions to their first day of school. It certainly was a day of mixed emotions for families and staff but we were inspired by the fortitude of the youngest students. They had a wonderful day! Some even came back the very next day for the Essential Services care. Very brave and very eager! We look forward to journeying with them over the next 13 years.
- We also welcome the Randhawa family to St Mark's College. Leo joins Year 2 and Poppy Year 5 with older siblings at Bosco Campus. We know they will be made to feel most welcome as they find their feet in a new school environment.
- Semester 2 staffing has had a number of changes as we prepare for three of our wonderful teachers to undertake Maternity Leave throughout the term. We warmly welcome Mrs Naomi Connor, Mrs Katherine Stringer and Mrs Valerie Tweedie to our teaching team. They each bring much experience and commitment to their vocation and we are very fortunate to have them join us.
- As we go to print, the Lockdown has been lifted and we are back for face-to-face teaching. A number of restrictions remain but I'm sure you will all agree that at least the students are back with their peers and in an educational environment that brings great familiarity. This sense of normality will only enhance their learning experiences.
- Many school events will need to be rescheduled, or disappointingly, cancelled. As we work through them, the calendar and make subsequent bookings we will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

- This Term we welcome some new families to the Bosco Campus. We are excited to have you join our community and look forward to working in partnership with you.
- Due to the COVID restrictions, we had to rethink how we conducted the SACE Information Night presentations. I extend my gratitude to Matthew Munday and Briony Forster for their efforts in creating online presentations. These presentations were shared with our Year 10 and Year 11 families to support them as they transition into and through SACE.
- This week, we acknowledged those students who worked hard to achieve academic excellence during Semester 1. The students (detailed on page 7) were awarded with a certificate for their hard work and deep commitment. I extend my congratulations to each of these students.
- Results are in! Congratulations to our Year 12 students for their collective success in the Research Project. All students who submitted their Research Project passed! We continue to see growth in the Research Project results. As we progress further into the richness of Year 12, I encourage our students to remain diligent with their application and study routine.
- Our Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday 11 August. We will continue to be guided by the SA Health restrictions and will communicate details about this event with families closer to the date.
- Our recently released St Mark's College Careers Website is now available to parents through SEQTA Engage. Our aim is to provide you with the latest information that will help you and your child make decisions about their future career. The website will help you gain a better understanding of all things Careers SACE and VET. The link to this website is: www.smccareers.com.au Please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Sard or Briony Forster if you have any questions or need support with SACE, career or VET development.

Mr Marc Forster, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Religious Education



From the APRIM

Lockdown Reflection

Pope Francis described the paralysis from the COVID-19 lockdown as moments generate a tension, a crisis that reveals what is in our hearts.

He then goes on to say that in every personal "COVID," so to speak, in every "stoppage," what is revealed is what needs to change in our lives: our lack of internal freedom, the idols we have been serving, the ideologies we have tried to live by, the relationships we have neglected.

I hope that over the past week during the Church's year of the family you had some time to celebrate and reconnect with the relationships and values that are of the most importance to you.

"The spirituality of family love is made up of thousands of small but real gestures."

'I believe that God is revealed to us through the ordinary events of family life. You don't have to become someone you're not in order to experience this revelation. You just have to pay attention to the subtle ways God operates in the life of your family'.

Laetitia Amoris (The Joy of Love).

Grandparents Day

While our in person Grandparents Day couldn't proceed at Benedict Campus it was pleasing to note that the Church community has now dedicated the weekend near the Feast of Joachim and Ann (Jesus' grandparents) to celebrating grandparents and the elderly in our lives.



Dear Father,

We thank you for our wonderful grandparents and 'grandfriends'.

They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.

Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.

Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.

May they know your goodness and love always.

Amen.

Feast Day

On Friday 13 August as a College we will celebrate the Annunciation of Mary as a Feast Day. While we will wait to see how the gathering in prayer can be safely facilitated the day will be an opportunity to raise funds for our Salesian Brothers and Sisters in Fiji supporting the Furnishing Fiji project.

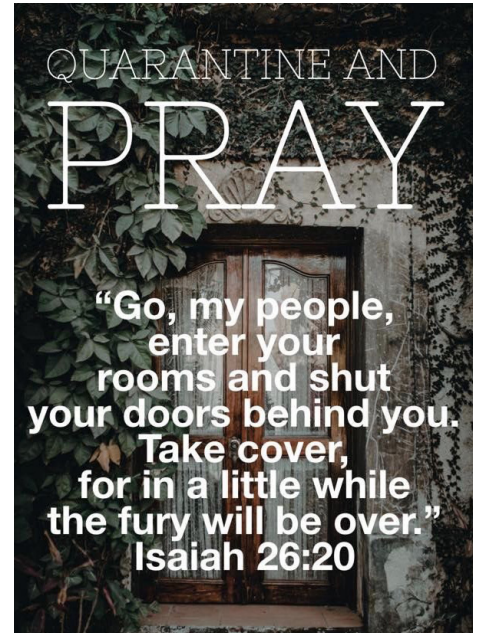
Students are invited to wear casual clothes for a minimum gold coin donation and drinks will be sold on each Campus at lunchtime.

Details will come out next week via Operoo.

Parish Masses are back

St Mark's Parish welcomed people back to Masses and Liturgies from Wednesday morning. Places of Worship are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres and masks are required for those over 12 excluding the celebrant.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

Welcome to our mid-year Receptions



Reception Red welcomed Elsie, Stella, Bentley and Nathaniel



Reception Gold welcomed Jensen, Asher and Finn



Reception Green welcomed Michael, Spencer, Lachlan and Caleb



Reception Gold welcomed Kaison, Aisha, Charlie and Avery

Around Benedict Campus



Reception Blue welcomed Will, Eva and Alexander



Charlie makes a tower

Term 2 Deputy Principal Awards for Good Work Ethic

6B	Eve Porta
6R	Aiman Ahmad
6G	Peyton Wright
5B	Amaliyah Jose
5R	Liam Wright
4B	Jarva Spooner
4R	Cooper Malycha
3B	Amara Sanchez
3R	Brielle Williams
2B	Isabelle McInerney
2R	Millie Hancock
1B	Patrick McArdle
1R	Ela Caspers
RB	Olivia Wood
RGo	Nate Norris
RGr	Amahli Balmer
RR	Gracie Fleming



Reception Red welcomed Henry, Harper and Rylan



Bentley sorts objects into colours



Reception Blue welcomed Lani, Isaac and Bentley



Stella and Michael learn new maths skills with Miss Porcelli



Reception Green welcomed Tilly, Leo and Adelyn



Reception Blue welcomed Bryson, Beyleigh and Elijah

Celebrating student excellence



We congratulate our Class of 2021 for their excellent Research Project results.

This year:

- 53.2% of the Year 12 students received a grade in the A band, which is 11.7% above the State's average
- 29.8% of our Year 12s achieved in the B band and 17% in the C band, which is a significant improvement on previous years.

We are very proud of each one of our students!

Pictured are students who received an A+ for Research Project Tahlia, Grace, Jordan, Eve, Scarlett, Trixie, Flynn, Chloe, Georgia, Lia and Taylah. *As this photo is taken outside, the wearing of masks is not mandatory.*

Congratulations to our students who were recognised for Academic Excellence in Semester 1.

Year 7

- Cleo Farrugia
- Eden Ferme
- Bailey Yarrow
- Leila Blight
- Imogen Cadd
- Jack Rafanelli
- Poppy Swinton-Brewin

Year 8

- Mariam Bakra
- Eva Christensen-Lauder
- Mitchell Court
- Xanthe Forster
- Emily Wilson
- Zoe Reid
- Kodi Stark

Year 9

- Zara Bowman
- Lilly Bowyer
- Zara Clark
- Ella Clements
- Isabella Martlew
- Blake Nicolson
- Addison Roberts
- Kloe Tyler
- Jessica Evely
- Angus Forster
- Joshua Muhsin
- Adam Smith
- Adam Wegner

Year 10

- Kate Burgess
- Ayeisha Everett
- Holly Gulin
- Bella Porta
- Sophie Tattoli
- Ella Clark
- Ethan Keeley
- Amity Lane
- Anna Page
- Aslin Spolding
- Marni Freer
- Taia Moss

Year 11

- Ryan Finlay
- Tom Fox
- Sheridan Jones
- Eliza Mezzino
- Ella Dunbar
- Nirav Rajput
- Lucinda Smith

Year 12

- Lucia Alvarez-Chamarro
- Samuel Burgess
- Eve Clark
- Grace Dunbar
- Meg Kelly
- Quinn Lane
- Tiah Peek
- Ella Smart
- Trixie Stanley
- Ebony Tizio
- Scarlett Tod
- Laura Watt
- Chloe Wright
- Emma Perry

Learning at Home



YEAR 2 > Alcuin kept busy completing his schoolwork at home



YEAR 7 > Amahli engaged in learning through SEQTA



YEAR 2 > Leo and Ruby climbed trees for some PE fun



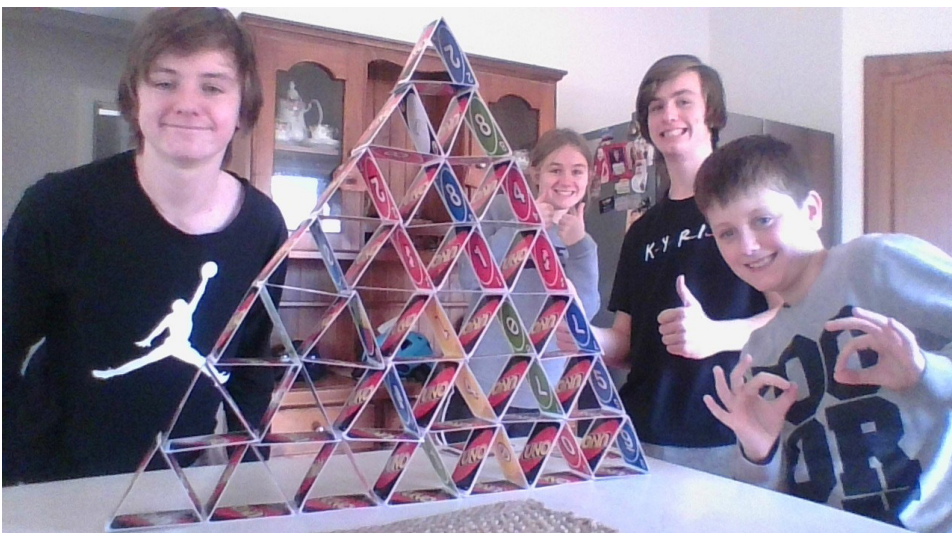
RECEPTION > Shan creates a colourful garden using paint and rocks



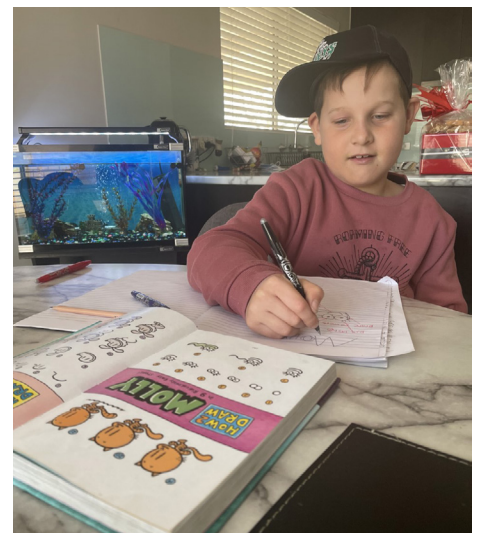
YEAR 7 > Eden experimented with cooking for Home Ec



YEAR 8 > Mitchell engaged in learning through SEQTA



YEAR 8 > Maveric creates a tower in response to Miss K's tallest tower challenge in STEM



YEAR 3 > Brayden working at home

College Notices

Welcome to our new staff



Katherine Stringer
Reception Green



Naomi Connor
Reception Blue

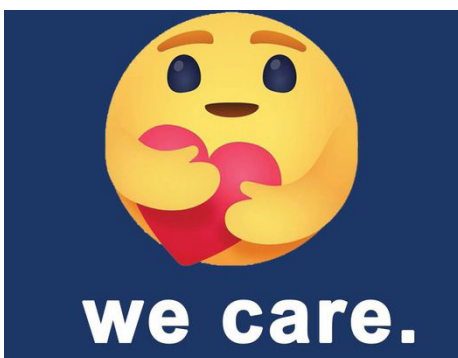


Valerie Tweedie
3 Blue



Emily March
Bosco

COVID Fee Remission



Lockdown has impacted our community in a variety of ways. College families who have experienced either:

- a reduction of pay
- unemployment due to lockdown

have the ability to apply for a COVID fee remission.

For information, visit our [website](#) or contact the College on 8633 8800.

2020 Yearbook Orders

Orders are now being taken for College Yearbooks for 2020 Little Lions and extra copies for 2020 R-12 Families at \$26 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: All families will automatically receive one copy.

NDIS Information Sessions

The National Disability Insurance Agency would like to invite SA/NT students with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals to attend a virtual information session on building skills and paving a pathway to post-school life.

For information visit the NDIS website: www.ndis.gov.au/events/6574-online-sant-pathways-post-school-life-years-10-12

THE ST MARK'S COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF

JOSEPH

and the

AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT

NEW PERFORMANCE DATES: Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September visit northernfestivalcentre.com.au for tickets!

Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 3 Mon	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$4.00 \$6.00
	Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel Pack + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$4.00	Taco + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Week 4 Mon	Half Ham and Cheese Croissant	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00
	Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Chilli Con Carne with Corn Chips and Salad + Fruit Box
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Spaghetti Bolognese + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Beef or Chicken Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$4.00	Chicken Risotto + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00

BOSCO CAMPUS

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Week 3 Mon	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Squash Dog + 375ml Zero Can	\$4.00 \$6.00
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