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Our Under 13s competed in the Grand Final last week

We enjoyed the footy and celebrated literacy. We reflected on our purpose and invited little visitors to see the farm. A building is nearly ready and 'Joseph' is ready!

Sunday Morning Footy

Winter sport is coming to a close and our students are involved in the excitement of finals and perhaps the joy of a win. Perhaps they have a chance at a little touch of Grand Final immortality.

Some did on Sunday at Memorial Oval when the Port Pirie Junior Football Association hosted the final football matches of the year. This particular Sunday morning was sunshine and beautiful. The warriors came ready to play and the crowds grew in good numbers.

This is a wonderful dimension of St Mark's life. Sport builds excitement and cohesion. It starts with a generous coach and the clutter and debris of sporting life: footballs, spare guernseys, team clipboards, whistles, goal flags, oranges and bottles of water. St Mark's students love it. They are committed. The parents support it. They turn up so enthusiastically. The Rafanelli's, Belinda and Chris, seem to have a capacity to organise it and we are so grateful for their efforts. And behind all of this are hundreds of parents and grandparents advising, encouraging, cheering, sitting in fold up chairs with eskies and coffees and conversation. They share a comradeship and pride when they see the children wear the colours of the College. That morning of football was simply such fun for us all.

The games on this particular Sunday started at 9.30. There were dozens of players from our various teams. It was well organised. Cones determined boundary lines and sirens were heard all morning to keep things going. The canteen tempted us all with bacon and egg rolls and tasty treats and coffee. We watched the scurrying footballers everywhere. I heard grandparents cheer encouragement and dads growl quietly to themselves if a son had a skill

error. I liked the idea of the name Lavis coaching against the Lions and he smiled when I teased him. I saw Adam Saler coaching a wonderfully committed Under 13 side and felt grateful for his mentorship. There were cars surrounding the oval and there were banners that greeted teams. I wondered how much time it took Melissa and Andrew Taylor to craft such a message of support and also guarantee that the under 13s could pass through it without bouncing back. It was fantastic. I laughed when one dad asked if there was training for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat that afternoon. I replied that we usually called it 'rehearsal'. He was a true footy dad and there was a rehearsal! I saw the mums handing out money that would buy a coke and lolly and keep the festival atmosphere going. I had a chance to see great goals kicked and missed, good tackles applied and a few regulation speckies taken. I was surprised at the skills and applauded effort. Mostly I just knew it was us at our best together, playing sport, getting excited, in community, losing or winning but trying and knowing that we are part of something important. Go St Mark's! Go you good thing! Thank you.

Book Week

The Book Week theme for 2021 was Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds and those worlds came alive at the Benedict campus with a parade of literacy on Thursday morning. We share this week with schools from all over South Australia. We celebrate books and reading with libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and thousands of children who embrace literature. But we especially celebrated it with the Book Week Parade on that Thursday morning. There were characters jumping out of books, from the imaginations of children, and then walking the pageant together. Book Week



We found Wally, Wanda and lots of colourful characters at Book Week

became an enormous exhibition of costume, fantasy and literature. There were Hogwarts characters and superheroes. Spiderman appeared a few times and there were dozens of princesses and some wonderfully fearsome warriors. There were cartoon characters, Teletubbies, Wiggles, a menagerie of animals and spectacular sporting heroes. There was a sinking Titanic, Willy Wonka and even Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat. And for once Where's Wally was pretty obvious. They came from ancient Egypt, Sherwood Forest, outer space and the Australian bush. I acknowledge the wonderful effort of parents to make the dress up day work so well. I remained stunned that the staff have such extensive wardrobes and imaginations and I think that we really enjoyed the moment with the children. It was all quite extraordinary, and the children just loved it. There was energy and creativity, decorations and celebration. Book Week is about reading as a community and it is about a community engaging in literacy. It was a stunning success. I hope we keep reading with as much enthusiasm.

Enhancing Catholic Identity Data Analysis

Every few years Catholic schools across Australia undertake extensive investigations into their religious identity by gathering data from students, parents, teachers and community members. This year it was our turn and the numbers have just come in. You would have received a survey. The students certainly did. And now we are looking at our data. This investigation is known as the Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity project. It is run in part from the Leuven University in Belgium. In fact, Katie Pole and I were on a Zoom meeting with a Belgium academic as he sat in Leuven University just a week ago. He asked us all about how faith and theology played a part in our school life. I felt confident that this is a dimension of the school that is vibrant and healthy. There is now some useful feedback to discern as we look at how we are moving ahead as part of the Catholic educational mission. That sacred dimension, that faithfulness, that invitation to explore the sacred, remains very important. Any understanding of St Mark's is an understanding about ways that support us

as a Catholic school, as a searching community, as people who share hope expressed in their Catholic identity or the reverence in their thinking. We will publish reflections and observations over the year.

Ag Open Days

I watched a kindergarten visit to McNally Farm the other day. Every year we host a welcome to the farm for the local kindergartens and we invite four year old exploration and commentary. It is a delight. The visitors have this innate sense of wonder. They chatter and gasp. They are natural explorers. Our Year 10s were guiding this bubbling curiosity and I was delighted at their manner in which they made the kindergarten visitors feel welcome. The farm is in immaculate shape at the moment. All that rain has made things green, and the animals look so healthy. I marvelled at the skill of the St Mark's students who made the visit so meaningful for the little ones. I felt grateful to the McNally Farm team Joel Head, Brian Hayes and Molly Head.

Tour of the Building

I had a chance to take the Year 2s and the Year 3s on a tour of the new Year 3 and 4 precinct. The building is looking great. So much has been accomplished. We were greeted by Dwayne Ramsay from Barry Ramsay Constructions. He who showed us how a building is put together and gave the young ones a deep insight into construction. I looked and marvelled at what is happening as did the children. It will be a great space for learning. There was certainly much learning during the visit.

Musical

Finally, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will find its way on stage. The performers are ready. There is an excitement building. The last bits and pieces of a complex enterprise are coming together. I hope that you get a chance to see it. It has 45 students. There are over 100 costumes (just ask costume coordinator Ms Ellbourn) and it is toe tapping and joyous. Joseph lives and just wait for the colour!

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 7: 30/8 - 3/9		Week 8: 6/9 - 10/9	
Mon		Mon	P+F Meeting Bosco Conference Room, 7:00pm
Tues	Year 11 Retreat	Tues	
Wed	Year 11 Leadership Hike	Wed	
Thur	Year 6 Retreat	Thur	Benedict and Bosco Sports Photo Day
	Year 10 Retreat		
	College Musical, Rec and Year 5s		
Fri	College Musical, Year 1 - 4 and 6	Fri	Final day Winter Uniform
	Little Lions, Session 6		4Red Excursion
			Little Lions, Session 7

Benedict Campus:

- Since our last newsletter, the students and staff have continued to work hard and engage themselves in a number of learning opportunities, especially with Book Week! Thursday saw Benedict Campus come alive in colour and imagination with the annual Book Week Dress Up Day. Many thanks to all the families of the College for helping their child/ren to participate with the organisation of costumes, props and most importantly, favourite books. The morning 'parade of characters' set a wonderful atmosphere for the whole day although most characters were somewhat dishevelled by recess time!
- Soon we will begin the extremely considered process of working out class placements for 2022. If you have a request based on educational outcomes, please collect a form from the Benedict Office to complete. Please note: requests for specific teachers will not be considered. These are due by Friday, Week 1, Term 4.
- Unfortunately, this term has seen a huge increase in the number of students arriving late or leaving early. Whilst we can appreciate there are exceptions ie one off family events, important medical appointments, there are currently just too many interruptions to classes. For each child who arrives late/leaves early, this is at least 10-15 minutes that the class teacher needs to stop their teaching/facilitating and the rest of the class' learning is interrupted. Often, it is not just one student! Please be mindful that whilst it might be convenient for you, the impact on not only your child missing times of the day where important details are shared but of the impact on the whole class' learning is being continually interrupted. Therefore, I ask you to please have students in their class by 8.45am. (Please also note; staff supervision begins at 8:25am). Any arrivals after that will need to be to the office. School concludes at 3.20pm please make any appointments after this time so as not to impact on the class teacher time.

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

Bosco Campus:

- Year 12 student Trial Examinations will take place in Week 8 and 9, Term Three. The Exam timetable along with expectations and protocols have been distributed to parents via Operoo, and students via their email. I wish all Year 12 students the very best as they prepare for this process.
- Next week, many of our students take to the stage for the College Musical. Hours and hours have gone into rehearsal, costumes, and choreography. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that have made this opportunity available to our students. Break a leg next week!
- If you are keen to go to University, it is important to know all the options available to you. The ATAR is one pathway but not the only pathway. There are many alternate pathways to get into the course of your dreams. It pays to look. Have a look at the following links:
[Uni SA: Grades Based Pathway](#)
[Adelaide University: Year 11 grades entry pathway](#)
[SAIBT](#)
[Flinders University: UniTest and Research Project B Pathways](#)
[Torrens University: No ATAR](#)
[TAFESA](#)

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

College:

- From Week 9, students are able to wear either full summer or full winter uniform. The final day students can wear the winter uniform is Friday 24 September, with full summer uniform in Term 4. Please check that you are meeting the requirements outlined in the [Uniform Policy](#).

Religious Education



From the APRIM

Book Week

Book Week was an opportunity to bring to life and celebrate to power of stories in our lives. We have one of the most enduring stories every told in the life of Jesus. I was thrilled to meet Jesus right here at Benedict Campus yesterday when Ethan from Reception Gold dressed up as Jesus and shared with me the most important book – the Bible!

Retreats

We are in Retreat Season – Our Year 11 will have a half day leadership Retreat looking at their role in being stewards of their environment. This will give them a foundation to complete their leadership hike and discernment ready to take on the job as leaders of our College community in 2022.

Our Year 10 students experience a half day formation experience exploring the them of hope in their lives and giving hope to others. I am excited for the experiences they will be able to have right here on Campus at Bosco.

Year 12s

Our Senior students ventured down for their final Wednesday Cathedral Mass this week. We prayed for all who have been part of their journey and the final steps of their academic year. We look forward to celebrating with them in thanksgiving as we farewell them in Term 4.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday

This weekend our church community celebrates Migrant and Refugee Sunday. While COVID restrictions prevent the traditional parish International Luncheon we can still take the opportunity to promote the right of all people to participate equally in society and to receive access to all services and opportunities available to Australians, regardless of age, gender, country of origin, ethnicity, religion or ability.

As a small step it could be an opportunity to consider how we can respond inclusively and responsively to the needs and people around us.

Pope Francis has entitled this year – “Towards a wider we”

*Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us
that there is great rejoicing in heaven
whenever someone lost is found,
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded
is gathered into our “we”,
which thus becomes ever wider.*

*We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,
and all people of good will,
the grace to do your will on earth.
Bless each act of welcome and outreach
that draws those in exile
into the “we” of community and of the Church,
so that our earth may truly become
what you yourself created it to be:
the common home of all our brothers and sisters.
Amen.*

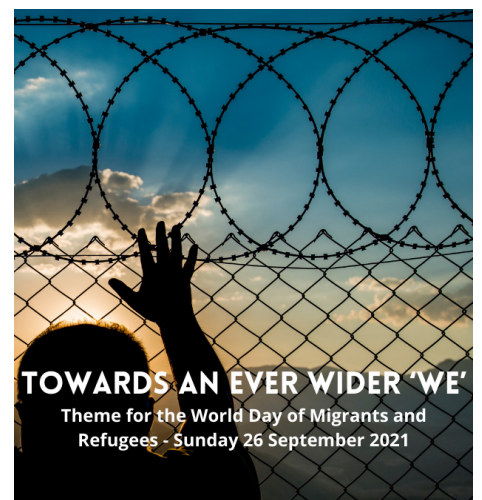
Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



Mrs Pole with Ethan who dressed up as Jesus



Mrs Pole with Evie-Rose who dressed up as an angel from the Bible



SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

BENEDICT CAMPUS

Year 5 Excursion



Cooper, Riley, Jack and Jye

"I thought the Pichi Richi Railway was great! It was a lot of fun riding in it with my friends!"

Hunter, 5 Blue

"My favourite part of the excursion was the Melrose Museum. We were able to explore and discover a lots of historical things that we hadn't seen before."

Dolche, 5 Blue



Liam and Jett give the Pichi Richi the 'thumbs-up'!



Sloan and Lexi stand in the witness box at Melrose Museum



On the swinging bridge at Melrose

"The Year 5' went on an excursion to Melrose, Quorn, and Woolshed Flat. My favourite part was the hike to the monument (even though my legs hurt) and the museum." Grace, 5 Red

"My favourite part was the Pichie Richie when we got to look out the window and the rock wall was right next to me."

Lincoln, 5 Red

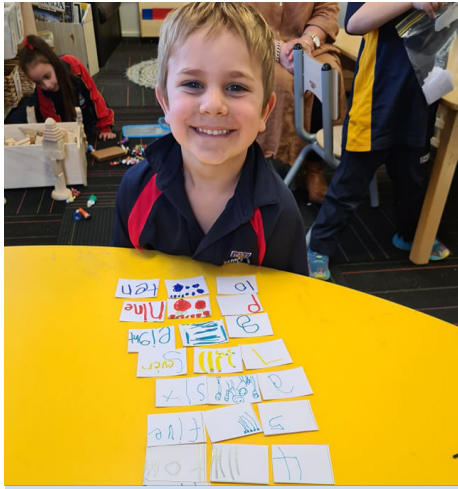


Ceana, Lilly, Sherwin, Jack, Ryleigh, Ronan, Lincoln and Cooper at Melrose Museum

Benedict Campus



BOOK WEEK > Scarlett, Zaiyden and their classmates created 'Imaginative Friends' after reading the story *Ellie's Dragon* by Bob Graham



NUMERACY > Bastian and his classmates made their own flashcards for counting



BOOK WEEK > Ethan, Harper, Aria, Georgia, Ella, Della and Astrid enjoyed making bookmarks in the library as part of Book Week activities



NUMERACY > Dante and Harlow sorting 2D and 3D objects



TEXT INQUIRY > Reception Red have been using fiction and non-fiction texts to find out some interesting facts about koala's

Congratulations

	Star Salesian Awards	Star Samaritan Awards
6B	Lilli Yiannoulis	Joseph Caldarola
6R	Bryce Jones	Liam O'Shaughnessy
6G	Jack Malycha	Jaida Camporeale
5B	Ronan Schoeman	Dolche Pisani
5R	Ceana Spadavecchia	Mekayla Whelan
4B	Archer George	Peyton Talbot
4R	Jace Bellifemini	Bella Doan
3B	Saasha Nannapaneni	Zali Nelligan
3R	Georgia McIntyre	Alyssa Leak
2B	Maha Ahmad	Addison Bradley
2R	Jett Burford	Olivia Higgins
1B	Liam Bellifemini	Indiana Kelly
1R	Paxton Sismey	Owais Saad
RB	Olivia Wood	Dillon Wardle
RGo	Abdulla Ansari	Evie-Rose McIntyre
RGr	Layla Farrugia	Bastian Loizeau
RR	Rory Bowman	Aria Hissey

Benedict Campus



Book Week



Elise and Dolche



Riley shares a story with his buddy Haze



Amaliyah, Amarli, Lilly and Sloan



Elijah, Bryson, Jensen and Asher



Lana and Indiana



Harry and Amahlee



Patrick, Cooper, Jordy and Jack



Mr Hay shares a story with our Little Lions



Mia and Macy

McNally Farm Open Days

Our McNally Farm animals were excited to meet children from our local childcare centres, kindergartens and the Mid North Education Centre at our Open Days last week! There were lots of pats and the animals were certainly well-fed!

Congratulations to our Year 10 Agriculture students who shared their learning on McNally Farm with the visitors while showing the visitors the animals on the farm. They represented the College extremely well!



Eliza, Daisy, Jessica, Kiera, Sanja, Tom and Charlie



Students from Mid North Education Centre feeding the goats



Alfie feeding the cows



Olga, McKenzie and Indigo with Year 10 students Jessica and Daisy

Bosco Campus



TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY > Year 8 students have made creative and colourful heat bags

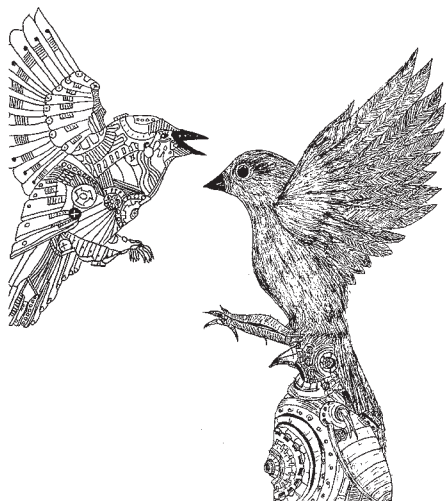


YEAR 12 > Local business owner Brodie Lavis of Lavis Real Estate visited our Class of 2021 last week to share some words of encouragement.

Brodie reminded our Year 12s to true to themselves and be the best that they can be, and the importance of putting in their best effort for the final weeks of school.

We are very grateful to Brodie for taking the time to speak with our students.

Brodie is pictured with Dyllan and Blake.



VISUAL ARTS > Pen and ink art by Madeline, Year 8



HASS > Year 9s enjoyed a Mad Hatters Tea Party with a range of activities included a jousting activity, playing cards, Pin the Smile on the Cheshire Cat, Dodge Ball and serving the tea to their peers.



PSYCHOLOGY > Year 11s tested out fatal vision goggles and did some activities to simulate an altered state of awareness



GEOGRAPHY > Year 9s have created a folio of information about a specific country and shared this as part of a Country Convention, along with sharing food, songs and even a traditional dance



WELCOME > We welcome Matt Sullivan as a teacher at Bosco Campus



VISUAL ARTS > Pen and ink art by Julius, Year 8



NEXT WEEK:
Wednesday 1,
Thursday 2 and
Friday 3 September visit
northernfestivalcentre.com.au **for tickets!**

College Sport

College Sports

Good luck to all our teams competing in the different Sports Association Finals. We look forward to watching all teams as the season finals progress. Congratulations to the Primary St Marks Strikers and Junior High St Marks United teams for becoming Premiers of 2021 Senior High Soccer will be determined next Monday night.

Sports Photo Day

The Sports Photo Day will be held on Thursday 9 September at Benedict Campus, Good Samaritan Hall (morning) and Bosco Campus, Sports Centre (afternoon).

Benedict Students – All students are permitted to wear the College PE uniform for the day.

Please note Semester 2 SRC need to be in full

Winter uniform first thing in the morning for **their photograph**. They may change into PE uniforms afterwards.

Bosco Students – are to wear the normal Thursday uniform and bring in any sports uniforms to change into prior to the photo.

All required team uniforms are listed on the Operoo that went live this week.

Sports Assembly

We will formally celebrate our sporting life with a College Assembly on Tuesday 21 September. Here we will recognised community, teamwork and excellent performances.

Mrs Katie Pole, College Sports Council Chairperson

St Mark's Tennis Registrations

Tennis Registration Forms 2021/2022 can be collected from both Benedict and Bosco student offices. Registrations close Friday 3 September. For information contact Lisa Manners on lmanners@smc.catholic.edu.au.

Community Notices

Uni SA Open Days

Online and On Campus Open Days are available, visit unisa.edu.au/opendays

Tennis - School Holiday Clinics

- Blue Ball (3-5yrs): 9.00-11.00am - \$35* per day
- Red Ball (5-8yrs): 9.00-11.00am - \$35* per day
- Orange Ball (8-10yrs): 9.00am-12.00pm - \$50* per day
- Green (10-12yrs): 9.00am-12.00pm - \$50* per day
- Yellow (12yrs+): 9.00am-12.00pm - \$50* per day

*Regional Tennis Programs are run with an additional \$5.00

Free webinars for parents - Body Image and Healthy Eating and Exercise Behaviours

Let's Talk Body Confident Children and Teens
 Wednesday 1 September, 7pm - 8pm (AEST), plus 15mins for questions
[Click to register.](#)

Let's Talk Body Image in Boys
 Thursday 9 September, 7pm - 8pm (AEST), plus 15mins for questions
[Click to register.](#)

Cricket Registration - Junior Blast (U7's), Master Blast (10's), 13s and 16s
Proprietary Cricket Club
 Friday 17 September, 4.30 - 5.30pm
 Lions Football Club
 For information contact: Plugger 0438868239

Wandearah Cricket Club
 Wednesday 15 September, 4.00 - 5.00pm
 Port Oval nets
 For information contact: Scott 0400 081 278

Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 7				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Marinated Chicken and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Ratbait	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$6.50
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$4.00	Butter Chicken and Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Week 8				
Mon	Half Ham and Cheese Croissant	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Taco + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pork Bites and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$4.00	Chicken Risotto + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00

BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 7				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Marinated Chicken and Fried Rice + 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00 \$8.00
Tues	Ratbait	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.50 \$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + 375ml Zero Can	\$4.50 \$6.00
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