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Year 12 student Tiah and Reception student Jameson share a moment at the Candle Mass

The Year 12s stand as one and the Boarders say farewell. The new College leaders emerge and we sing 'Joseph' one more time. There are moments of deep pride and the sheep get a haircut.

There has been a beautiful energy of farewell in the school this week. Our Year 12s are in their finishing times and College rituals and traditions are mobilised to say goodbye. There have been moments that create a sacredness and a sadness, a ceremony and a much deserved affirmation. It is quite beautiful. On Tuesday morning there was a gathering of over a 1000 people on the Bosco Oval, to offer a Mass of farewell. At St Mark's we call it the 'Candle Mass' and it is essential in our tradition. The Bishop of Port Pirie was present to offer the Mass and families were present with the whole school cohort. The sun bathed us and the Year 12s were gathered in a clear unity. We watched and felt a deep gratitude for their achievement as College Captains Quinn Lane and Flynn Hayes offered an outstanding speech of reflection and thanks. The Eucharistic ritual unfolded with Bishop Karol's prayerful guidance and then the Year 12s received a candle of goodbye from a well trained, fully prepared, highly dedicated, slightly nervous Reception student. It remains a poignant and important symbol of farewell. Our gift of a candle is our blessing symbol. Attached to the candle is a special dedication written by the Reception students and that candle is kept to light the way for the fine young men and women who are now ready to leave.

On Thursday night the families and the Year 12s gathered in a slightly more formal context with a Mass offered by College Chaplain Fr Jimmy. It was held at the Cathedral and in the intimacy and surrounding symbolism of the Cathedral there was a deep sense of the spirit of the group. They processed with a beautiful dignity. They offered symbols to the altar around growth and thanks and love. They received a stole of blessing from their House Leader. They stood gleaming, swaying slightly and mouthing their anthem 'Shout to the Lord'. It was a moment of unity and accomplishment. Cameras

clicked, hugs were exchanged and hearts were filled with pride.

On the Friday morning a bacon and egg breakfast was served. The students seemed dressed for the spring racing carnival and the delicious banquet cooked by staff had a Melbourne Cup gala feel. We then gathered for the last Bosco assembly in the Sports Centre. Younger brothers and sisters offered a reflection on the Year 12 experience and extended best wishes. Aislynn Everett and Ebony Tizio sang 'For Good' from the musical Wicked and touched our hearts deeply. The Year 9s formed a guard of honour (just as the Year 12s had at the Rite Journey ceremony) and the seniors left to full applause. There were House formalities and some speeches and exchange of gifts. It is a wonderful time of precious memories and gratitude. Each House group proudly shared a biography on each student. Our Year 12s are delightful young people and we feel so grateful for their contribution.

**Boarders Farewell Liturgy and Supper**

At the beginning of the term, we had a chance to gather as a Salesian House boarding community to farewell the Year 12 boarders and to affirm the unity and care at Salesian House. The gathering was held in the Chapel with all of the Boarding families and then we joined together in the dining room for a light supper. It was a time to reflect upon the year and the lives of the boarders. I also had a chance to recognise the extraordinary work of Denise and David Arbon, the House Parents, who guide and nurture with such grace. My strong sense is that Salesian House has been a special place and that all have been swept up in the welcome and goodness. I saw the special confidence in the gathering. It was a lovely event. I thanked our Year 12 Boarders particularly for their contribution. The Year 12 group gave us



As our Captains Flynn and Quinn were farewelled, our 2022 College Captains were announced. Congratulations Thomas and Issy!

leadership, scholarship, building of community, the nurturing of friendships, and an openness to spirituality. It has been a good year for the boarders at Salesian House.

#### **A Surprise Affirmation**

On the first Tuesday evening of term Boarding Supervisors Denise and David Arbon were invited into the Chapel on a pretext. They were tricked. The boarders had secretly conspired. They had conspired to gather and the much loved House Parents came in unaware that a celebration had been planned. It is Denise and David's 20th year as boarding parents. The boarders were conscious that this has been an extraordinary time of quality care and loyalty and Meg Malycha, the Boarding Captain, was never going to let that accomplishment go unnoticed. And so, she planned a liturgical celebration and a party. We all plotted together and what unfolded was truly touching. There were beautiful prayers and speeches and a musical story with images of their service. There was a film showing over 20 past boarders giving thanks. We shared party pies afterwards and couldn't stop smiling at the astonishment and the humility of Denise and David. Boarding is family and on this occasion a Captain stood up and defined that in a profound way. Well done Meg. Thank you Denise and David.

#### **Joseph and a Pizza Party**

The production team and the students of the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat gathered again. There was an invitation to share some pizza and watch the video of the show after school last week. Everyone turned up. It was a party after all, and we got to drink soft drink, eat chocolate and share a pizza with the show playing on the big screen. I was absolutely surprised to see the energy rekindle so quickly and the sense of fun explode in our gathering. The musical had been very precious to us and we could celebrate that. When the video began and the music played we were unified and grateful, excited and filled with a sense of accomplishment. The highlight of the afternoon was that the Year 3s could not sit still. In the dark, with pizza in hand, they stood and sung every line and danced every step of choreography. It was pure joy.

#### **Shearing Course**

I had a chance to visit the McNally Farm the other day. So did about 100 sheep, eighteen students and two lecturers who conducted a very successful shearing course together. I was really delighted to see the students responding to the shearing opportunity. It is hard work, dirty, painstaking, and difficult. It is a challenge of technique and muscle. The students were shown a traditional agricultural practice and the challenge was huge. The students were focussed and sore, sometimes frustrated and always determined. It was great learning. The students muscles will need some tender repair over the next few days and the sheep seem happy with their haircut.

#### **Our New College Captains**

It is my pleasure to announce that the College Captains for 2022 are Isabelle Bray and Thomas Hunter. After a process of discernment and voting, speeches and discussion our two newest captains, humbly but with smiles, will step into the shoes of leadership. We are delighted and wish them well and I thank the Year 11 group, along with Coordinator, Mr Andrew Sheridan, who worked so well to allow two very impressive young people to emerge.

#### **Our New College Principal**

I was delighted to hear the news that Dr Sandra Hewson has been appointed as the new College Principal. Sandra is a close colleague and we have worked together for a number of years as fellow Principals in the Port Pirie Diocese. I'm smilingly thinking of our great rivalry when Sandra was Principal of St Joseph's Port Lincoln. This year Sandra has been the Diocesan School Performance Leader and has worked quite closely with me to ensure the continuing improvement in learning at St Mark's. She knows our school and is a visionary educationalist with a deep understanding of learning and community. Sandra has the care and wellbeing of students at heart and we are in safe and capable hands. I congratulate her on the appointment.

*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: 25/10 - 29/10 |   |                | Week 4: 1/11 - 5/11 |  |                |                  |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|--|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Mon</b>            |   | Year 9<br>Camp | <b>Mon</b>          |  | Year 8<br>Camp | Year 12<br>Exams |
| <b>Tues</b>           | 3 Red Excursion                                       |                | <b>Tues</b>         |  |                |                  |
| <b>Wed</b>            | Semester 2 SRC Liturgy<br>2.30pm, Good Samaritan Hall |                | <b>Wed</b>          | 2022 Reception Parent Meeting<br>5.30pm, Good Samaritan Hall |                |                  |
|                       | Year 6 Rugby Carnival                                 |                | <b>Thur</b>         | 1 Red Excursion  |                |                  |
| <b>Thur</b>           | 3 Blue Excursion                                      |                | <b>Fri</b>          | Little Lions, Session 11                                     |                |                  |
| <b>Fri</b>            | Little Lions, Session 10                              |                | <b>Fri</b>          | 1 Blue Excursion   |                |                  |
|                       | Year 6 Rugby Carnival                                 |                |                     |  |                |                  |

## Benedict Campus:

Welcome to Term 4! It really does feel like the year is passing us by at an incredible pace. We have an exciting term to look forward to and I ask you to mark these key dates in your diaries:

|  |                                   |                                     |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2022 Reception Parent Meeting  | Wednesday 3/11, 5.30pm            | Good Samaritan Hall                 |
| Year 3 First Reconciliation Liturgy                                  | Wednesday 17/11, 7.00pm           | St Mark's Cathedral                 |
| 2022 Reception Orientation Day 1                                     | Wednesday 25/11, 8.45am – 12.00pm | DS Resource Centre                  |
| Semester 2 Little Lions' Presentation Assembly                       | Friday 26/11, 11.45am             | Good Samaritan Hall (by invitation) |
| New Year 1–6 Students' Orientation Day                               | Monday 29/11                      | Benedict Campus                     |
| 2022 Year 7 Orientation Day  | Wednesday 1/12                    | Bosco Campus                        |
| End of Year Liturgy – Year 6 farewell and Year 5 Leadership Handover | Friday 3/12, 9.30am               | Good Samaritan Hall (by invitation) |
| Benedict Campus Twilight Picnic and Carols                           | Monday 6/12 (time TBA)            | Benedict Oval                       |
| Final day of school 2021   | Wednesday 8/12, 12.20pm dismissal |                                     |

Last week the Year 5 SRCs were asked to step up into the shoes of our soon to be leaving Year 6s by escorting new families around Benedict Campus. I'd like to thank Lexi, Elise, Connor and Ronan for the friendly and informative way they assisted Mr Greg Hay and welcomed our new families.

A couple of reminders:

- Fruit Break: each class has a Fruit Break around 10.00am. Please ensure your child/ren have a small portion of fruit or vegetables to consume during this time. It is only a 5 min break so please consider this when selecting the size of the portion. Unfortunately, we often see a lot of waste.
- Sports Socks: in accordance with the Uniform Policy socks worn with the PE Uniform need to be white and visible. Some students are wearing 'invisible' socks. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing the appropriate socks.
- Leaving St Mark's: if your child/ren are not returning in 2022 please collect a form from the Benedict Office to complete.

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

## Bosco Campus:

- This week we farewell Mrs Elizabeth Clarke who will be going on Maternity Leave. We wish Elizabeth and her husband Sean all the best as they welcome their first child into the world.
- A reminder that we have a couple of camps coming up. The Year 9 students will venture to Barmera in Week 3 where they will explore Lake Bonney and enjoy some time on the water. In Week 4, our Year 8 students will head to the Adelaide Hills for a few days of adventure at Woodhouse. I wish the students all the best and hope that they enjoy their time away. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the staff who are attending the camps and making these opportunities possible for our students.
- A reminder that for term 4 students need to be wearing a hat at recess and lunch.
- After a week of celebrations, we wish our Year 12 students all the best as they finish their studies at St Mark's College and prepare to embark on new adventures. I thank Mrs Jane Gibson for the guidance and support she has provided the students throughout the year as Year 12 Co-ordinator. I also thank each and every staff member that has contributed to the growth and formation of this cohort over the lifetime of their education.

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

# Religious Education



## From the APRIM



Year 5 and 6 student bring forward the Gospel

We have begun our final term at full speed. Many beautiful moments have happened in these two weeks as well as lots of learning.

### 75 Anniversary of Philippine/Australian Diplomatic Relationship

It was a blessing to be a part of the 75th Anniversary of Philippine Australian Relationship. It was a great reminder of the wonderful contributions that the Filipino community have shared within our country to enrich us. They have inspired a deep sense of faith and reverence into our community.

Congratulations to John Sanchez, Fr Jimmy Pantin and their organising committee for a wonderful event.

### Season of Rituals

During Week 1, I felt immense pride at the efforts of Meg Malycha with the support of her fellow boarders and staff in organising a celebration to recognise 20 years of service to boarding from Denise and David Arbon. It was a magnificent effort that showed genuine gratitude and care for our wonderful house parents.

Last Sunday evening the Boarding House community gathered together for the last time as a whole group for the End of Year liturgy celebration. We celebrated and recognised achievements and fondly bid farewell to our Year 12 boarders as they entered their last week of lessons. Mrs Denise Arbon spoke so proudly of the year the Salesian House family had shared together and Mr Hay shared a sense of the affection and respect we have had for our four Year 12 Boarders Lauren, Meg K, Meg M, and Mia.

There was a sense of great excitement this week as St Mark's College Year 12 students celebrated their final week of school. It was full of thanksgiving for the journey our Year 12 students have been on for 13 years of formal schooling. It is a week eagerly anticipated from an early age. There are significant rituals and events that mark their rite of passage which the students enjoy and the staff revel in organising each year. These students have reached the end of a significant year and now prepare to begin a new part of their life. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich, faithful experience that is their education at St Mark's College. We were blessed to be joined by Bishop Karol who made time to preside over our whole school Mass on his birthday.

### Reconciliation

Our Year 3 students have begun their Sacramental learning. A reminder that the Parish Commitment Program for those celebrating their First Reconciliation commences on the weekend of 6/7 November. Parish Mass times are 6.00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday at St Mark's Cathedral or 5.00pm Sunday at St Anthony's Church.

### Welcome

In the last fortnight we have welcomed some of our students into the parish through Baptism or Reception ceremonies. Congratulations to the following children who are now members of the Catholic church community: Madison, Charlotte and Jett Burford, Georgia, Evie-Rose and Henley McIntyre, Ella and Lana Petagna.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



St Mark's staff and students with Fr Jimmy at the Anniversary of Philippine/Australian Diplomatic Relationship



Ella, Georgia, Henley, Lana and Evie-Rose with Fr Jimmy and Clare Conaghty



Madison, Jett and Charlotte after their baptism

### SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

## Inside the Little Lions Classroom

Our Little Lions are busy in the classroom learning lots in preparation for starting school at the beginning of next year.



Anastasia and James borrow their first books from Benedict Library



Emersyn makes her name using wooden letters



Little Lions take a first taste of learning Italian



Buddies in the Computer Room, Campbell and Cody



Kobe makes his name using wooden letters



Ascha, Henley and Marnie painting

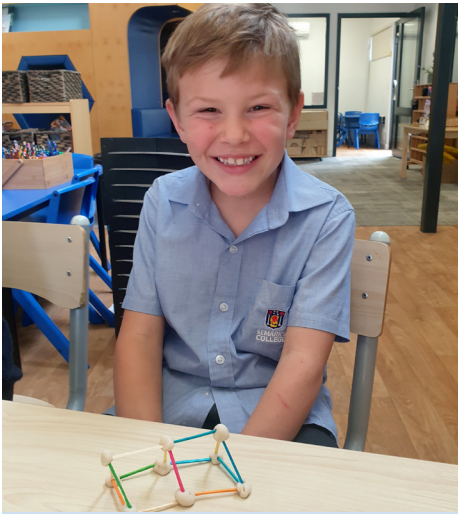


Buddies in the Computer Room, Charlotte and Caprie



Parachute fun with Year 5 Buddies

# Benedict Campus



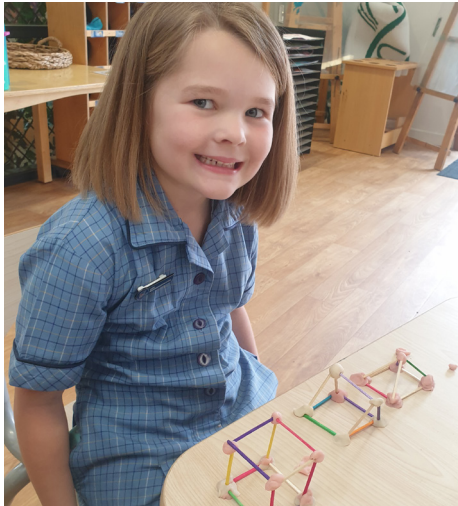
MATHS > Paxton making a 3D shape



RELIGION > Ted with his drawing from the Year 12 Candle Mass



ART > Flynn's drawing of a vase full of spring flowers



MATHS > Aubrey making 3D shapes



RELIGION > Charlie with her drawing from the Year 12 Candle Mass



ART > Elsie's drawing of a vase full of spring flowers

## Congratulations

Term 3 Deputy Principal Award recipients for following class and school rules

|     |                  |
|-----|------------------|
| 6B  | Hamish Caputo    |
| 6R  | Kealee Smith     |
| 6G  | Marcus Mudge     |
| 5B  | Zac Kotaras      |
| 5R  | Lilly Simounds   |
| 4B  | Curtis Ramsay    |
| 4R  | Lauren McGinnis  |
| 3B  | Declan Mezzino   |
| 3R  | Hayden Joyce     |
| 2B  | Maha Ahmad       |
| 2R  | Luke Martlew     |
| 1B  | Mia Saler        |
| 1R  | Ivy Adams        |
| RB  | Eden Roros       |
| RGo | Campbell Starke  |
| RGr | Estella Kambanos |
| RR  | Elsie Fitzgerald |



ART > Our Year 6s created some spooky artworks using soft pastels or chalk pastels to create and blend the background and black oil pastels for the silhouette

# BOSCO CAMPUS

## Our Year 12s final week

*Our Class of 2021 has been officially farewelled from the College in a week of celebrations!*



A team huddle before competing in the annual Year 12 boys soccer match



Dance practice ready for Graduation



Mia, Meg, Meg and Lauren were officially farewelled from Salesian House



Kiah receives a candle from Nate



Tilly receives a candle and a hug from Ainslee



Farewell gifts, Grace, Hannah, Grace and Lia



Our Class of 2021 at the Thanksgiving Mass

# Bosco Campus



CELEBRATION > Our boarders celebrated 20 years of service for House Parents, Denise and David



AGRICULTURE > Students participated in week long shearing course at McNally Farm, supported by the Industry Training Hubs



CHILD STUDIES > Year 12 Child Studies students created a range of dramatic play scenes which our students in Reception Red put to the test. Abdullah, Flynn and Harlow certainly enjoyed the play Fire Station! The play scenes were created using recycled materials and had to promote abstract thinking and interpersonal skills for our Receptions.



NUTRITION > Year 11 students tested bacteria from food left on kitchen utensils, photographed are Ryan and Anton



OUTDOORED > Year 11 students adventured through Deep Creek Conservation Park on a 3-day camping expedition



AGRICULTURE > Tyson practices shearing the merino



# COMMUNITY NEWS



CANDLE MASS > Airah and Shahmeer



CANDLE MASS > Mia with Alyx



Senior Prize winner 2020, Aislynn Everett, Dementia

## The Bosco Prize Exhibition Launch

Showcasing the talents of Art, Design and Media Arts students at St Mark's College

Exhibition Launch **Tuesday November 9 @ 7:00pm** in the Bishop Gallagher Centre

Announcement and presentation of award winners by Creative Arts captain and guest speaker

Works are on display from Tuesday November 9 - Friday November 12 by appointment only

If you would like to view the exhibition but are unable to make the launch evening please contact [mcongdon2@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcongdon2@smc.catholic.edu.au) to arrange a viewing

## Community Notices

### COVID Vaccinations

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## Weekly Specials

### BENEDICT CAMPUS

|                      | Recess:                               |              | Lunch:  |                                      |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 3</b><br>Mon | Pizza Muffins                         | \$2.00       | Spaghetti Bolognese<br>+ Fruit Box                      | \$5.00<br>\$7.00                     |
|                      | Tues                                  | Puff Doggies | \$1.50  | Lamb or Chicken Yiros<br>+ Fruit Box |
| Wed                  | OOK OOK                               | \$2.50       | Pork Bites with Fried Rice<br>+ Fruit Box               | \$5.00<br>\$7.00                     |
| Thurs                | Rat Bait                              | \$2.00       | Beef or Chicken Schnitzel and<br>Gravy Roll + Fruit Box | \$5.00<br>\$7.00                     |
| Fri                  | 3 x Mini Sausage Rolls<br>+ Fruit Box | \$4.00       | Small Chicken Wrap<br>+ Fruit Box                       | \$2.50<br>\$4.50                     |
| <b>Week 4</b><br>Mon | Small Sausage Roll                    | \$2.00       | Squash Dog<br>+ Fruit Box                               | \$4.00<br>\$6.00                     |
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| Fri                  | 3 x Mini Sausage Rolls<br>+ Fruit Box | \$4.00       | Steak and Onion Sandwich<br>+ Fruit Box                 | \$5.00<br>\$7.00                     |

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