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Nicole, Jessica E, Ruby, Jessica D, Amelie and Addison enjoying camp at Lake Bonney

The Year 12s have gone and there are camps and visitors. Teachers are celebrated and so is a past principal.

### **The Purple Wave Goodbye**

In the past I have written at this hay fever time about the avenue of jacarandas that signal the completion of the Year 12 academic year. In my early years of teaching, now so many years ago, my first 'headmaster' observing that splattering of purple haze along a boulevard would say "When the jacarandas come out the Year 12s have gone". There is something profound and enduring about that recurring truth. The seasons roll on. The Year 12s conclude. As the footpaths are stained with the wispy purple of the jacaranda flower the Year 12s are quietly focussed on a computer and finishing that last assignment. They may be shuffling nervously, fidgeting and waiting every morning and afternoon outside the Examination Room. Their lockers may be gradually emptied. There is a bit of paper or a superfluous book in some. This is a reminder of them and we have a tradition at St Mark's that the Year 12 lockers have a brass plate with the students name on them. There is a long collection of brass plates with great names past on the inside of the locker. We get to remember the generations of students who made that locker their own space. Sometimes the locker door swings idly and empty. The names glimmer in the sun and a long year's effort is just a scrappy memory. The 12s have gone. The jacarandas are out. They have waved goodbye. I have been very confident in the way in which they have taken on the challenge of exams and assignments. I have been proud of the manner in which we celebrated their contribution. The student car park is almost empty. The Year 11s are finding a spot to sit. Graduation tickets have been sold. We miss them already.

### **One Year and the Installation of the Bishop**

Our new Bishop arrived from Poland one year ago and entered our Port Pirie world amidst the horror and unpredictability of COVID. We celebrated with Mass last week to honour his

anniversary of installation as the 11th Bishop of Port Pirie. I attended the ceremony at the Cathedral with members of the Parish. I feel very grateful for the deep interest the Bishop has in the College. We seem so fortunate to have the unending energy of Fr Jimmy in support and the Bishop who smiles and affirms. Congratulations Bishop Karol.

### **Sandra Hewson Visit**

I had a chance to show our new Principal, Dr Sandra Hewson, around the school last week. We went into classrooms and looked at developments. We met students and said hello. They seemed a little in awe of this new important person and of course were curious and always polite. There was a friendly chat and easy connection. Sandra is an experienced principal, and she knows children and manages them beautifully. It was a delightful tour and whilst I was very proud to show Sandra our outstanding facilities, I was prouder to introduce our students. They are probably the best young people in the world.

### **Camp Season**

I welcomed back the Year 9s from their camp experience in Barmera last week. The students were clambering off the bus, gathering bags and looking for the parent taxi. They were tired from the travel and polite with me. "How was the camp?" "Good". That was probably enough information as they drifted off and left the teachers to collect the dropped sandshoe, grab the idle sleeping bag and pick up a lolly paper or two. What struck me though, was the way the staff spoke in response to the camp. The students were brilliant even if the weather tested. The students were cooperative and they worked generously together. They didn't flinch at the challenges and there was a great spirit of unity. They were flexible. Everyone was tired and everyone knew that they had shared a really important experience together. I felt



Mr Kris Sjostrom and Mr John Gibson enjoy an ice-cream at Bosco

very grateful for the generosity of the teachers and know that something as successful as this comes from their leadership and care.

I had a chance this week to pop into the Year 8 camp at Woodhouse in the Adelaide hills. The Year 8s were doing very well. When I got there, they were exhausted because they had embraced a challenging day. They had adventures together. They had allowed themselves to be challenged and to climb, ride bikes, tunnel and support each other over a series of obstacles. Things hadn't been easy but they had done it together and had laughed and clambered successfully. I looked at the scratches and bruises of the day. The legs were battered and I knew that they were badges of honour. The stories were great. I joined them for tea and watched a twilight cricket match that will rival the T/20 World Cup. I couldn't understand their rules of their scoring, but I could understand the noise and the teasing, the smashing hits and the cheers of triumph at a catch. Did you know that there is a rule of 'one bounce, one hand and you are out'. Of course, that's normal. However, they were playing 'two bounces and head butt it and you are out'. This is an amazing and zany rule adaption. There were diving heads and acrobatics all over the place. The umpires were merciless in decisions and they scraped up the finger with a headbutt effort. Somehow the students organised themselves without too much dispute. It was a great camp for them. There was a very strong cohesion created in the group. They were clearly grateful for the experience. I watched in admiration as the teachers gently guided and respectfully encouraged. The Year 8s were in good hands. It was those cricket rules that confused!

#### **Salesian Principals' Meeting**

I had the opportunity to join the network of Salesian Principals in a zoom meeting this week. We gather once a term to discuss and action the spirituality of Don Bosco in our schools. COVID keeps us apart but online it is a time to talk about our schools all over the country and discuss the manner in which the spirit of St John Bosco permeates our activity and our relationships. On this occasion we sat



Mrs Lauren Cable and Mrs Louise Richards enjoy an ice-cream at Benedict

at our screens to attend a lecture on the 2022 Salesian theme for schools all over the world. It is called the 'strenna'. This is an Italian word which roughly means central idea or guiding principle. The strenna for next year is: "Do all through love, nothing through constraint". It's from the writing of St Francis de Sales. This will be an opportunity for us to affirm and celebrate the powerful and sacred force of love that is so essential in all our lives at school.

#### **Celebrating World Teachers' Day**

World Teachers' Day celebrates the extraordinary contributions and achievements of teachers. It was held last Friday and gave us a chance to pay tribute to the teachers at St Mark's. I certainly recognise and affirm the work and effort of our teachers at St Mark's. I extended my thanks and gratitude to them and also offered an ice-cream in the staffroom at lunch to celebrate.

#### **Fr Lawrie Moate SDB**

A past principal of the College is Fr Lawrie Moate. He is a Salesian priest who celebrated 50 years of ordination last week. He is one of a group of men who established the much cherished Salesian culture of St Mark's. He remembers us fondly and when COVID permits he makes his way back to Port Pirie to see the 'old boys' and check up on families in the town. I express our deepest congratulations on a life of service to the Church and love for the people. Fr Lawrie is a great man.

*Mr Greg Hay, Principal*



Fr Lawrie pictured with Mr Peter Munday and Mr Graham Ford

# 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 5: 8/11 - 12/11		Week 4: 15/11 - 19/11	
<b>Mon</b>		<b>Mon</b>	Salesian House Christmas Dinner
<b>Tues</b>	Bosco Prize Art Exhibition Launch 7.00pm, Bishop Gallagher Centre	<b>Tues</b>	Board Meeting 7.00pm, Bosco Conference Room
<b>Wed</b>		<b>Wed</b>	First Reconciliation Liturgy 7.00pm, St Mark's Cathedral
<b>Thur</b>	Remembrance Day Prayer Services	<b>Thur</b>	
<b>Fri</b>	Little Lions, Session 12 Mission Day	<b>Fri</b>	Little Lions, Session 13

Year 10  
Camp

Year 11  
Exams

## Benedict Campus:

As another fortnight quickly comes to an end, I take a moment to reflect on and enjoy all that is happening at Benedict.

- Last week we were delighted to finally be able to invite families into classes and school activities. We've very much enjoyed hearing the conversations between students and caregivers, and hearing the pride in the students' voices when showing their work and school space to you. A most sincere thank you to our families for being so mindful and respectful of the restrictions. You were such a pleasure to work with.
- The Semester 2 SRCs finally, officially, received their badges at a Special Liturgy and Badge Blessing. Fr Jimmy always makes time for us and help us to understand what the Gospel is asking of us.
- The Year 4 and 5 SRCs represented Benedict Campus at a Kidtober Council Meeting, held in the Council Chambers with Mayor Leon Stephens. They really enjoyed the experience and were excited that Mayor Stephens suggested a Kids' Council.
- The Year 6 classes completed their Aquatic Excursions, thoroughly enjoying the experience and made the most of a rainy Interschool Rugby Carnival.
- The Year 3s have begun the Reconciliation Program and preparations are well underway for their First Reconciliation on 17 November. They were also fortunate enough to finally experience their excursions to Mambray Creek and Port Germein. Between COVID restrictions and this interesting weather it has been quite the organisational nightmare!
- The Year 1s embarked on their excursions to Wallaroo this week which brings class excursions for 2021 to an end. The students and staff always have an enjoyable day, exploring different local areas and natural features. A huge thank you to Mrs Gayle Dunning and Mrs Marg Fantinel for coordinating dates, buses, venues, first aid resources, paperwork, payments, photography and school magazine reports. Your thorough behind the scenes work always ensures successful excursions.
- The Year 5s have completed postcards to Helen Connolly, the Commissioner for Children and Young People. You can see some of the students considered, thoughtful and intelligent responses on page 9.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

## Bosco Campus:

- This week our Year 12 students commenced their examinations. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best and to thank their teachers and families for the support they are giving them during this time. A reminder that the change of preference deadline for SATAC applications is 15 December. This is also the SACE release date. Please make sure your final selections are in by this date to be considered for the December offers.
- Applications are now open for the third Space Industry Work Experience (SIWE) Program. This structured work experience program allows South Australian secondary school students aged 15 and over to complete 2-5 days placements (depending on host capacity) with 'Space Industry', 'Space Research' or 'Space Skills' hosts. Further information can be found at the [AdvTech website](#).
- We are fast approaching the end of formal lessons for the Year 11 cohort but there is still so much to be done. I would like to stress the importance of students utilising this remaining time to ensure they obtain the best possible results in their Year 11 subjects. This is important to ensure they are prepared well for their Year 12 studies next year and for any potential opportunities for University offers in 2022 that are based upon their Year 11 results.
- Our Year 9 students had a great time last week in Barmera where they had the opportunity to spend some time on the water and perhaps try something new. Thank you to the staff that made this opportunity for our students possible. Our Year 8 students are currently in the Adelaide Hills on camp and we look forward to hearing all the stories when they return.

Mr Marc Forster, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

# Religious Education



## From the APRIM

### All Saints and All Souls Day

This week we celebrated All Saints and All Souls Day in our Catholic Tradition. During November we focus on the great communion of saints.

On All Saints Day we celebrate the wonderful company of saints we know as part of the reality of our Catholic tradition.

On All Souls Day we remember those who have died. Friends, colleagues and relatives. Other leaders whom we have known; worked with, laughed with, wept with and walked with. Many of them are not famous. Their statues are not in churches but their pictures are in our homes and their stories alive in our community, and in us. We know of their goodness and their struggles. We now pray for them, and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.

These two days 'All Saints Day' and 'All Souls Day' remind us of a deep bond of love between the living and the dead, 'The Communion of Saints'.

### Missions and Dignity

October is Mission Month for Catholic Missions and as a College we have taken up the 2021 theme.

Benedict Campus has stretched out the focus until next Friday 12 November when they will hold their annual Mission Gala Day. Details of the event have been communicated via Operoo in regards to the fundraising stalls that have been organised by our Year 6 students.

Over at Bosco Campus our Rite Journey girls are busy campaigning and gathering resources and money to support Share the Dignity. This fundraising makes a real, on-the-ground difference in the lives of women and girls experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence or doing it tough. The girls are collecting handbags and basic hygiene products that can be supplied to women who are at their most vulnerable. Anyone wishing to support the students with this important initiative can drop off items or cash donations to Bosco Campus.

### Reconciliation

The Year 3 children who will soon be celebrating their First Reconciliation in the parish will commence their Parish Commitment this weekend by attending one of the weekend Parish Masses to present their commitment forms. We pray for them and their families at this important stage of their faith and life journey.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



Some of the fun from the 2020 Mission Gala Day at Benedict



**SHARE THE DIGNITY**  
YEAR 9 RITE JOURNEY 2021

PLEASE DO INCLUDE:

- shampoo and conditioner
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- roll on deodorant
- body wash or soap
- sealed packet of pads or tampons

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:  
razors, food & drink, pads & tampons out of their original packaging, aerosols, pharmaceutical items

Please join St Marks 2021 Rite Journey girls to donate to women in need. Feel free to give donations in money too.

**All donations can be taken to the front office at 455 The Terrace**

### THE WITNESS:

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

### SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

## Year 6 Aquatics Excursion

Year 6 students enjoyed trying a range of water activities including sailing, kayaking, canoeing and wind surfing.



Jett enjoying kayaking



Alice windsurfing



Sailing

*"My favourite part of the aquatics excursion was the sailing because I learned how to steer the boat which was called a catamaran. I pulled the jib rope to make the jib sheet tight and go faster. I also liked the wind surfing because there were two different ways to steer. I went on a board with a bigger sail which was hard because it was heavier but it was fun because it made me go faster. Overall, I liked hanging out with my friends and doing the water activities because they were exciting."*

Jaida, 6 Green

*"My favourite part of the aquatics excursion was sailing. I was more involved in this activity. I pulled the jib rope tight so we could go faster. I also liked the canoeing because I could choose how fast I wanted to go. I was in a canoe with Daniel and Miss Kerin so with three people we could go faster. The instructors were great because they gave us helpful tips to make us better at the activities."*

Tobi, 6 Green



Angus and Mr Ashby paddle



Molly and Natalia in the canoe



Hamish enjoying sailing

# Benedict Campus



## Year 3 Excursion



Jaida balancing on rocks



3 Blue investigating rocks at Mambray Creek



3 Red at Port Germein

"At Port Germein we walked to the beach. We took our shoes off and started to look for mud crabs. We lifted a lot of rocks and found a lot of mudcrabs under the rocks."

Braxton, 3 Blue



Zaki exploring the creek bed



Shelton exploring the beach



Georgia, Junwoo, Anna and Elyna

## Congratulations

	Star Salesian Awards	Star Samaritan Awards
<b>6B</b>	Henry Watt	Jade Dennis
<b>6R</b>	Chelsey Frkic	Noah Nicholson
<b>6G</b>	Ayrlei Hudson	Isabella Ackland
<b>5B</b>	Lilly Sedunary	Amalee McMahon
<b>5R</b>	Ashton Gray	Cody Hawkins
<b>4B</b>	Jordy Scarce-Evans	Mae Pendry
<b>4R</b>	Nicholas Caldarola Reagan Davis	Jaylea Cooke and Sophie Narcissi
<b>3B</b>	Tessa Pole	Sierra McLaughlin
<b>3R</b>	Della Salvemini	Elyna Thatcher-Massner
<b>2B</b>	Max Johns Rocco Capurso	Willow Reed
<b>2R</b>	Harvie Fleming	Isabelle Hutchison Yousef Bakra
<b>1B</b>	Harry Bosworth	Isla Joyce
<b>1R</b>	Jacob Bickley	Carter Smith
<b>RB</b>	Elijah Cameron	Eva McPherson
<b>RGo</b>	Elsy Ironside	Asher Jackson
<b>RGr</b>	Adelyn Pavlich	Caleb Wade
<b>RR</b>	Henry Phillips	Stella Syrigos

**Faith in Action Awards:**  
 Ruby Stevens  
 Beyleigh Birt  
 Owais Saad



Brayden exploring the creek bed

# BOSCO CAMPUS

## Year 9 Camp

Year 9 students spent a few days at Barmera last week, participating in a range of aquatic activities, like sailing, kayaking, kneeboarding, windsurfing and skiing.



Sailing on the lake



Alice tries windsurfing



Jemma and Dakota

*"I really liked trying new things like windsurfing and sailing. I also liked participating in on-land activities so I could interact with others that I don't talk to that much."*

Claire, Year 9

*"I had never tried kneeboarding before and it was really fun!"*

Adam, Year 9

*"While I have skied before, it was great to do it with my friends. The sailing was really great and I learnt how to control the boat."*

Ella, Year 9

*"I enjoyed trying skiing for the first time, and being able to stand up."*

Brodie, Year 9



Claire skiing



Adam, Lucas, Zachary and Noah playing mini golf



Seth steering the sail boat

# Around the College



## Kid's Council Meeting



Archer, Olivia, Lexi, Ronan, Kaden (from Crystal Brook Primary), Cooper, Elise, Addison and Connor with Mayor Leon Stephens

On Wednesday 27 October the Year 4 and 5 SRC members visited the Council Chambers and met with our Mayor Mr Leon Stephens. In the chambers we were given special seats and had to vote on a mayor from the students from our school, Risdon PS, Crystal Brook PS and Mid North Christian College. Proposed mayors had to leave the room while we voted. The winning person was the mayor, they sat in the special mayor's chair and was able to wear the mayoral chain. Our meeting started and we had to discuss and vote on 3 items:

- Should a BMX track be built on the foreshore - **Yes**
- Should a McDonald's be outside each school in Port Pirie - **No**
- Should a bike track for U5's be made in Port Pirie - **agreed after an amendment saying it should be a bike track for families not just the children.**

Other things were discussed and then the meeting was closed. Mr Stephen's spoke to us about forming a Junior Council so that the big Council would know what young people wanted. Most of us would like to be on that council.

We want to thank everyone who organised this visit and Mr Stephens for giving up his time to explain how the council works.

**Benedict SRC's**

## Year 8 Poetry

*Year 8A have been exploring different types of poetry. Using an image of their choice, they have created their own Rhyming Couplet.*

### FRIENDSHIP

Laughing with friends is a lot of fun,  
Especially when no work is getting done,  
They are with me through thick and thin,  
And will be by my side when my next chapter begins,  
They are fun to be around,  
And never bring me down,  
We are far from odd,  
As we are peas in a pod.



### SHARKS

In the deep you better look out  
If you see it please don't shout!  
Quickly and quietly swim, swim, swim  
It's coming to tear you limb from limb



### CALMING WAVES

Friends in the sun,  
Having lots of fun.  
Running to the beach,  
With water to reach.  
Lying on the sand,  
Close to the land.  
Today the waves kept calm,  
As they do no harm.

### SOCCER

Soccer is fun  
It's hot in the sun,  
Dribbling is hard  
When they tackle they get a card.  
Coaches teach us how to play  
To be the best one day.  
Soccer is the best  
And better than the rest.



## Postcards to Helen Connolly

The Year 5s have completed postcards to Helen Connolly, the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The nationally issued postcard invites students to reflect on; what they are good at, what they care about, what they would like grown ups to know and how the world would be better if ... Here are some of their responses:

***They very much care about ...** family, friends, parents, animals, teachers, home, extended family, living things/nature, the poor, sporting clubs, the world, education, doctors and their dreams.*

***They want grown ups to know ...** don't let your kids down, I am shy but nice to people, I will always love them, helping kids is very important, they need to help young children with their mental health, that we care about them, that they are there for them, we need to stop war/fighting, you need to give more time to kids, kids can stay up to 11pm to watch a movie, I hope COVID will end soon, about my learning, my*

*teachers are kind, I have fun at home, school and sports, how hard it is to be a parent, that kids should be taught not to swear at a young age before it becomes a habit, I am kind, I am different, I am loving, kids are as good as adults and can do anything, kids have many great ideas, kids can do anything if you just believe in them, kids are very smart at different things, I feel safe, I am doing well in school, they can trust us more.*

***The world would be better if ...** no greenhouse gases, no COVID, no bullying, more peace, we took control of climate change, we don't litter or abuse animals, we stop cutting down trees, everyone cared about the environment, no pollution, people were more kind, weekends go for 5 days, no global warming or deforestation, no criminals, we treat everyone with love, everyone got along, we all had electric cars, less destruction, people stop racism, we loved everyone.*



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

**MID NORTH JUNIOR FEMALE FOOTBALL**

**U10'S & U13'S**

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SUN 21ST NOV (10:30AM - 11:30AM)  
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## Weekly Specials

### BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 5</b> Mon	Half Ham and Cheese	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros	\$6.00
	Croissant		+ Fruit Box	\$8.00
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Taco	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Butter Chicken	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$6.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls	\$3.00	Lasagne	\$5.00
	+ Fruit Box	\$5.00	+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
<b>Week 6</b> Mon	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Steak and Onion Sandwich	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Tues	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza	\$4.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$6.50
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls	\$3.00	BLT	\$5.00
	+ Fruit Box	\$5.00	+ Fruit Box	\$7.00

### BOSCO CAMPUS

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<b>Week 5</b> Mon	Half Ham and Cheese	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros	\$6.00
	Croissant		+ 375ml Zero Can	\$8.00
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Taco and Salad	\$5.00
			+ 375ml Zero Can	\$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Butter Chicken	\$6.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$8.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
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