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Our Year 12 graduating Class of 2021

The year closes with some extraordinary ceremony and acknowledges some remarkable people.

The last week of a school year brings with it a richness of gathering, some touching moments and ennobling rituals. It is a time when we gather, when hearts swell and when we are buoyed by efforts and achievement. It is when we dress up, make speeches and understand what is valuable through symbols, or gestures, a parchment of graduation, a handshake or a tickertape of freedom. We basked in the elegance of the Year 12s and the way they walked across a stage with grace. We eagerly watched the Year 6s innocence and excitement as they concluded their primary years in a beautiful closing ritual. We convened for our Bosco Presentation evening which was simply splendid and we felt united. We had to stop for a moment to remember those who are leaving and whilst this is sad we know our own humanity is enhanced by their time at St Mark's. We are richer through our connections. These connections become clearer during these times of ritual. We understand the sacredness of our community more deeply through ritual and also when we connect with a story about a baby born in Bethlehem. It is a great week.

Little Lions Roar

I shared a graduating time with some four year olds and their families. Our Little Lions under the care of Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Mrs Pia Keain and Mrs Micaela Porta created an opportunity of welcome and transition when they celebrated a Little Lions Graduation. Held in the Good Samaritan Hall the Graduation of our Little Lions is a gentle acknowledgement of our newest Reception enrolments. These students had completed a transition program over the last semester. Parents and grandparents gathered, and the Year 5 buddies stood strongly and quietly in the background. The ceremony went shakily, innocently, beautifully and we all couldn't stop smiling as we acknowledged the possibility of a great St Mark's education ahead.

The Graduation

The College gathered for our gala night of the year in what became a wonderful occasion of family and celebration, elegance and a special

dance with a parent. Our Year 12 Graduation held at the St Mark's Sports Centre was a night to fully express our love and best wishes to the Year 12 group and to watch them on stage shining with elegance. It was a time to acknowledge their achievement with families and teachers. It was a night of unity, happy conversations, warmth in applause and wonderment at the possibilities of young people entering the adult world. There was such a wonderful dignity about watching each Year 12 student walk across the stage and it was my deepest privilege to shake a hand. It was a time to see their growth, their potential. We were filled with such joy at seeing them dressed so beautifully. We had a chance to recognize each young person, see them isolated on a stage, or in a video image, and allow our hearts to be filled with pride. It was an evening of shining accomplishment.

The conclusion of secondary experience is the end of a significant partnership with parents. It reminds us of the heroism of persistence, the trusting struggle, and the commitment to create opportunity for our children. We saw for the final time the assembly of a wonderful Year 12 group as they were ready to embrace the future. There was an invitation to look beyond the beauty. We were proud of them because they dressed up but underneath, we knew that they were people who had shown much courage and perseverance. Underneath we knew that these were young people of compassion and care, creativity and love. They had been leaders, community builders, sportsmen and sportswomen, special friends, scholars, servants, ambassadors. They had shared a quality of friendship. They had searched to define spirituality and they took with them that Salesian tradition of optimism and commitment to relationship and becoming people of hope. It was quite a night, and the mums and dads almost didn't put a foot wrong in the parent dance with their child.

Presentation Night

One of our most important nights on the school calendar is the Bosco Presentation Night. It





pride. After a previous day of transition over at the Bosco Campus there seemed an extra energy of readiness from the Year 6s to be at the assembly. Their mums and dads were there, and they watched with an eagerness as children walked in procession and moved into high school in symbolic gestures. The Year 6s had worked hard this year and were conscious of the excitement of their transition. They are ready for the secondary setting, and we assembled to celebrate this. During the assembly we recognised the service of Mary Higginbottom. She has been so loyal and so devoted that she was nominated and won the Rowan Ramsey Service Award. She accepted the award at the assembly with a beautiful and touching humility. The students and parents gathered to celebrate achievement and

success and community and through prayer, story, warmth in handshakes and applause, and we acknowledged the leadership and effort of the Year 6s. There was a wonderful sense of the value of the seven years together. They left the assembly with music, song, smiles and a ticker tape of fun. And the Year 6s were united and

We congratulate our students who have gained apprenticeships and will start their trades

- Year 11 Harrison, Seth, Ethan, Archer, Henry
- Year 12 Georgia, Dyllan, Blake, Bade, Liam, Austin, Liam, Ayden, Eli, Bailey, Kiah, Samuel, Ben, Cameron, Nicholas and Zac.

I am very grateful for the service of a number of staff who will now leave our community. I will get a chance a little later to say a more intimate and formal thank you to them. We gather as a staff for a formal assembly next week and there will be appropriate speeches of farewell. I want to publish the names of staff leaving and to thank them for the work that ensure that this remains a wonderful school. There are many years of experience and care and love in this group. I acknowledge departing staff members Kathryn Crouch, Andrew Sheridan, Deb McArthur, Lyn Ellbourn, Mae Camporeale, Kayla Hastings, Valerie Tweedie, Briony Forster, Katherine Stringer, Eliza Fromm, Dilraj Kaur and Sue Holze. Best wishes to Deb Harmer, Marq Congdon, Veronica Travers and Sophie Porcelli who will take leave. These have been purposeful and hardworking people.

Mr Greg Hay, Principal



Scarlett was awarded the Insignis Award

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 9: 6/12 - 10/12		Week 1: 31/1 - 4/2	
		Sun	Boarders Opening Liturgy and BBQ Tea 6.30pm, Bosco Chapel
Mon	Year 7, 8 and 9 Activity Day		Term 1, 2022 commences
	Benedict Family Night Benedict Sqoval 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start (students to meet class teachers at 6.45pm)		Benedict Classes Open Times 8.15am - 9.00am and 3.20pm - 4.00pm
Tues	Year 7, 8 and 9 Swimming Day	Tues	
Wed	End of Term 4, 2021 Dismissal-Benedict: 12.20pm, Bosco: 12.30pm R-11reports issued	Wed	
Thur	Staff Formation and Learning Day	Thur	Welcome to House
Fri	Staff Formation and Learning Day	Fri	R-12 Opening Mass 10.00am, Good Samaritan Hall, All Welcome

Benedict Campus:

There have been a number of significant events involving the students and staff of Benedict Campus occurring this last fortnight.

The Semester 2 Little Lions concluded their Transition Program with a Presentation Assembly last Friday, bookended by their two Orientation Days in the Reception classes.

I had the pleasure of being part of the Little Lions' team this semester along with Mrs Pia Keain and Mrs Micaela Porta. I have always enjoyed each of the year levels I've taught but experiencing the transition of these very precious 4½ year olds has been one of the greatest blessings of my life! Seeing their pure joy, anticipation of school life and first-time experiences of anything school related has been really special and a great privilege. Thank you to the families for entrusting your pre-schooler into our care, it is a responsibility we don't take lightly. I'm delighted to report they are all ready for the next stage of their learning journey. A very special thank you is extended to Micaela, from Pia and myself, for the extraordinary way she prepared not only the classroom each week but also for her thorough organisation of the Presentation Assembly.

This week we also gathered as an R-6 community for a Liturgy to conclude the 2021 school year and to thank and farewell the Year 6 Class of 2021. There were just a few tears; tears of pride, joy and a little of nostalgia as family, friends and staff saw that time stops still for no one. The R-6 Liturgy was prepared by Mrs Katie Pole and Mrs Pia Keain along with the assistance of the Year 6 and Year 5 teachers. It was an occasion befitting the end of the school year and the completion of primary schooling for the Year 6s. Next year brings an exciting new journey for the Year 6 cohort as they begin their secondary education. Go well Year 6s knowing you have made a positive mark on Benedict and your time here has prepared you well.

On both of these significant occasions, it was heart-warming to be joined by large numbers of family and friends (within COVID restrictions of course). You are always most welcome as we continue to acknowledge that we are in partnership in this educational journey of your children.

After a few stops and starts, we welcomed back Daryl and Lawrie Thomas, Aboriginal Artists in Residence. These two very special gentlemen have made a huge impact on the staff and students of Benedict Campus with their storytelling, sharing of life experiences, generous natures, zest for living and sense of humour. They shared their skills in woodwork, teaching the Year 6 students to make clap sticks and walking sticks. It was certainly a once in a lifetime experience! We extend a deep gratitude to Daryl, Lawrie and Carclew for offering us this extraordinary opportunity.

The conclusion of this year will also see a few changes to the Benedict Staff:

We respectfully acknowledge the 26 years of trusted service Mrs Kathryn Crouch has given to the primary school, beginning at Fatima Campus and then becoming a leader in Technology and Design at Benedict. During Kathryn's tenure, Digital Technologies has become a much loved aspect of the curriculum. She has been a dear friend to many on staff and her kindly chats will be missed. We wish you a wonderfully rich retirement with Ian and the ever-growing family!

We farewell Mrs Kayla Hastings and family (including our Little Lion Ascha) who are moving interstate. Kayla has been a multi-tasked educator, diversifying into many different positions to best support the needs of the College, always happy to do so and generous by nature. Your easy-going and thoughtful presence will also be missed.

We are most grateful to Mrs Katherine Stringer and Mrs Valerie Tweedie for taking on mid-year contracts and sharing their love of education with the classes they taught and their peers. Thank you for joining our school community and contributing whole-heartedly to Benedict Campus this last semester. The very best of our wishes go with you for your future endeavours.

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Lastly but certainly not least, we also extend our very best wishes to Miss Sophie Porcelli as she takes a year's leave for further study. We hope it is a fruitful and rewarding time for you Sophie. You leave some big shoes to be filled in your absence and we look forward to having you back on staff in 2023!

May I also extend the best wishes of the St Mark's community to the students (Alexander Chhokar, Finn and Kian Connolly, Junwoo Kim and Rayan Mohanty) and their families leaving at the end of the year. We wish you well on your life journey and thank you for your contributions over your time with us.

It has once again been an enormous privilege to oversee the education of the students of Benedict Campus in 2021. I look forward to seeing you all in 2022. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a fulfilling New Year!

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

- Year 11s gathered last Wednesday for their final day. They shared memories of the year and finished with a liturgy. They took a moment to thank Mr Sheridan for his guidance and support throughout the year and to wish him all the best as he retires. They return in 2022 as the seniors of the College and the new stewards of the Bosco Centre.
- This week we welcomed our new 2022 Year 7 students. We also welcomed some of our new Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students. This was a great opportunity for them to experience what life at Bosco Campus will be like.
- Year 10 exams have happened. This process is important for them to practice as they transition into their SACE studies next Year.

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

Sad farewells and exciting new beginnings

We share some of the captured moments from our Year 12 Graduation and Year 6 Farewell.



Mia, Ella, Samuel, Jessica, Holly, Cameron, Tehan and Riley



Tia, Grace, Emma and Morgan



Our Year 6 graduating Class of 2021

College Celebrations





Receiving their certificates were Alyssa, Ryan, Eve and Cruz



Nicholas, Fergus, Bade, Charlie and Austin



Blake, Austin, Dyllan, Patrick, Zac, Luke, Liam, Samuel and Kiah



Mary was presented the Rowan Ramsey Service Award



Bryce receives a gifted plant from a Year 5 student



Lia, Georgia, Alana, Hannah, Kayla, Sarah, Meg, Sophie, Tiah and Chloe

Religious Education



From the APRIM



RITE JOURNEY > Congratulations to our Year 9 Rite Journey students who have supported Share the Dignity creating over 60 bags to assist local women in need



We continue to celebrate with each of the different groups within our community. Today our Benedict Campus celebrated it's End of Year Liturgy. The year was honoured and our Year 6 students were farewelled with much appreciation for all their Benedict contributions as they move onto Bosco Campus or for a couple new horizons.

At midday the Year 7-9 students celebrated their final liturgy at the Cathedral Parish Mass. We were blessed to be joining with the CWL ladies as part of their Christmas celebrations. My thanks to Mr Isaac Ellis, Ms Lyn Ellbourn, Mr Caleb Brown and Ms Fiona Clarke for their organisation of that liturgy.

Handbags and Cans

My thanks to the Benedict community for the boxes of food contributed to Vinnies last week. These food donations will spread some Christmas cheer to those doing it a bit tough this year and fill their bellies at the same time.

Our Year 9 girls along with their teachers supported the 'Share the Dignity' Campaign by filling 60 handbags with hygiene and toiletry products for those women who are homeless or are fleeing domestic violence. A wonderful effort by the two classes.

Carols in the Cathedral

Thank you to those Year 2 and 3 students who are representing the College at the Combined Churches Christmas Carols. Details of the

evening have been sent home to you. A reminder that families need to contact one of the local churches to get a ticket for the event as numbers are limited. I have entry tickets for the children

The St Mark's Parish number is 8632 3977.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Thank you also to those children who have committed to the Christmas Eve Nativity play. Confirmation details will be sent out next week regarding the rehearsal and other requirements.

Parish Christmas Mass Times

Our Parish will celebrate Christmas at the following Mass times.

Christmas Eve:

- Crystal Brook, 6.00pm
- Port Pirie, 7.00pm

Midnight Mass:

• Crystal Brook, 12.00am

Christmas Day:

- Redhill, 8.30am
- Port Pirie, 9.30am

Wishing each of you every blessing and joy this Christmas season and a hope filled 2022. See you all back at school for a new year!

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



DONATION > Thank you to our Benedict community who donated goods to support the Vinnies Christmas appeal



Christmas is the time of year we celebrate the gift of Jesus, the son of God, coming into the world.

G Christmas blessing for each of you...
Nay love be alive in your heart as
Christmas draws near.

May hope fill every room you decorate and bring joy to those you hold dear.

May peace be before you at every meal and faith be present in every song, as we celebrate Christ in our lives as light for the world.



THE WITNESS:

Click here for the latest edition.

SOUTHERN CROSS:

Click here for the latest edition.

BENEDICT CAMPUS

Little Lions Graduation

Congratulations to our Little Lions who celebrated the completion of their program and enjoyed their orientation days! We can't wait to see you at school next year.



Our morning and afternoon Little Lions groups with their certificates



Archie colours a picture with Spencer



Campbell, James and Olga dancing at the Presentation Assembly



Aima and Elsie on Orientation Day



Isabel and Emersyn



High 5s for Mr Hay



Alessandra reading 'The Rainbow Fish' with Miss Porcelli

Benedict Campus





CHRISTMAS > Year 2 students have been selflessly spreading the Christmas cheer, creating a Christmas display in the nature garden and dressing as Christmas characters during break times.



LITTLE LIONS > Our Year 4 students created their own books which they read to our Little Lions, pictured are Malakai and Archer



SCIENCE > Year 4s made kites and tested their flying ability, pictured are Olivia and Zara



KESAB > Congratulations to Ava whose design was selected to appear on the Council's kerbside collection and street sweeper



SCIENCE > Year 4s made kites and tested their flying ability, pictured are Jack and Cooper



YEAR 1 > Our Year 1s have created Christmas Pig the Pugs



SCIENCE > Year 4s have been busy making Christmas themed pinata's, pictured is Ivy



LITTLE LIONS > Our Year 4 students created their own books which they read to our Little Lions, pictured are Emme and Jaylea

Year 10 Camp

Year 10 students enjoyed trying new aquatics activities as well as Adelaide City Sightseeing, Movies, Ten Pin Bowling and AFL Max.



Liam tries surfing



Balancing on the boards



Off for a sail



Tug of war!



Ayeisha, Jessie, Makon and Kate



Charlie and Myles snorkelling



Learning to catch a wave

Bosco Campus



Bosco Presentation Night

Congratulations to all students who were awarded on the night!

Year 7 Academic Excellence

Eden Ferme, Imogen Cadd, Cleo Farrugia, Bailey Yarrow, Leila Blight, Poppy Swinton-Brewin, Ethan Edwards, Kale Ganley and Liam Saler

Year 7 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Imogen Cadd
- Gallagher: Bailey Yarrow
- McNally: Finley Roberts
- Polding: Cleo Farrugia

Year 8 Academic Excellence

Mitchell Court, Mariam Bakra, Eva Christensen-Lauder, Xanthe Forster, Emily Wilson, Zoe Reid, Alyssa Ganley, Keeley Hewett and Kodi Stark

Year 8 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Mitchell Court
- Gallagher: Zoe Reid
- McNally: Charlie Dickeson
- Polding: Alyssa Ganley

Year 9 Academic Excellence

Zara Bowman, Lilly Bowyer, Ella Clements, Zara Pansini-Clark, Isabella Martlew, Blake Nicolson, Kloe Tyler, Jemma Kelly, Jessica Evely, Angus Forster, Adam Smith and Joshua Muhsin

Year 9 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Jessica Evely
- Gallagher: Zara Bowman
- McNally: Addison Roberts
- Polding: Brodie McKerlie

Year 10 Academic Excellence

Kate Burgess, Ayeisha Everett, Bella Porta, Holly Gulin, Sophie Tattoli, Amity Lane, Ella Clark, Ethan Keeley, Anna Page, Taia Moss, Alexa Manners and Meteha Di Geronimo

Year 10 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Jerylee Brown
- Gallagher: Meteha Di Geronimo
- McNally: Sophie Tattoli
- Polding: Keira Skorpos

Stage 1 Academic Excellence

- · Design and Technology General Engineering: Adam Black
- Essential English: Charli Tiller
- · Design and Technology -**Furniture Construction:** Charlie Webb
- Music Experience: Charlotte Miller
- Outdoor Education: Eliza Mezzino
- · Psychology: Eliza Mezzino
- General Mathematics: Eliza Mezzino
- · Child Studies: Eliza Mezzino
- Food and Hospitality: Gabrielle Cowin
- · Information Processing and Publishing: Henri Phillips
- Essential Mathematics: Imogen Good
- · Agriculture: Isabelle Bray
- Visual Art Art: Lucinda Smith
- English- Lucinda Smith
- · Chemistry: Nirav Rajput
- Specialist Mathematics: Nirav Rajput
- Physics: Nirav Rajput
- · Mathematical Methods: Nirav Rajput
- Nutrition: Ryan Finlay
- · Religion Studies: Ryan Finlay
- · Physical Education: Ella Dunbar
- Biology:
 - Sheridan Jones

• Stage 2 Research Project: Tom Fox

Year 11 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Ryan Finlay
- Gallagher: Thomas Hunter
- McNally: Isabelle Bray
- Polding: Cooper Promnitz

Stage 2 Academic Excellence

- Creative Arts: Aislynn Everett
- Essential English: Alyx Stark-Wilton
- · Design and Technology General Engineering: Charlie Ward
- Food and Hospitality: Chloe Wright
- Visual Arts- Art: Ebony Tizio
- Music Performance: Ebony Tizio
- Physics: Ella Smart
- Child Studies: Sophie Farrugia
- **Agriculture Production:** Trixie Stanley
- · Research Project: Georgia Pryor, Jordan Ganley and Lia Albanese
- Psychology: Eve Pansini-Clark
- Mathematical Methods: Fergus
- Physical Education: Grace Dunbar
- General Mathematics: Laura Watt
- Religious Education: Laura Watt
- Modern History: Lauren Koch
- · Information Processing and Publishing: Lauren Koch
- Specialist Mathematics: Lucia Alvarez-Chamarro
- Business Innovation: Morgan Van Den Akker
- · Design and Technology -**Furniture Construction:** Nicholas Wilsdon
- English: Samuel Burgess
- · Biology: Scarlett Tod
- Chemistry: Scarlett Tod
- Nutrition: Taylah Smale

Year 12 Character + Leadership

- Bosco: Ebony Tizio
- Gallagher: Alana Reid
- McNally: Lia Albanese
- Polding: Chloe Wright

Sportspeople of the Year:

Scarlett Tod and Nicholas Wilsdon

Art + Design Prize,

Junior Winner: Molly Lavis Senior Winner: Ayeisha Everett

Industry VET Award: Georgia Anderson

Trades Industry Award: Anthony O'Loughlin

VET Tertiary Award: Adam Black

Alsanto VET Student of the Year: Emma Perry

Salesian House Award:

Lauren Koch

Rotary Citizens Award: Fergus Tod

Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award,

Year 10: Sophie Tattoli Year 12: Scarlett Tod

ADF Future Innovators Award,

Year 10: Kate Burgess Year 12: Fergus Tod

Elsa Chilvers Scholarship:

Hannah Mark

Soroptimist Award: Hannah Mark

Teachers' Award: Lia Albanese

Salesian Service Award: Trixie Stanley

Geoff Brock - Service to College Award: Aisylnn Everett

Insignis Award (Best All Round Student): Scarlett Tod

Bosco Campus





ORIENTATION > Kaden and Lily try out STEM at the Year 7 Orientation Day



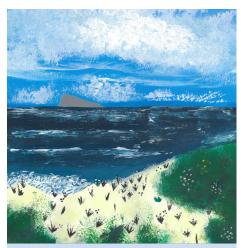
CREATIVE ARTS > Year 8 Drama students recently performed "Cinderella"



CHINESE > Year 8 students went on an excursion to Adelaide Confucius Institute and Chinatown and enjoyed a range of cultural experiences



KESAB > Congratulations to Kloe whose design was selected to appear on the Council's kerbside collection and street sweeper



VISUAL ARTS > Year 8 students have been creating acrylic paintings inspired by their favourite artists



 ${\it CREATIVE\ ARTS > Year\ 10\ Drama\ students\ recently\ performed\ "Society\ Killed\ the\ Teenager"}$

College Notices

Tuition Fees

A reminder that College Tuitions Fees should have been finalised by the 30 November 2021. If you have any queries about your account, please contact Main Administration on 08 8633 8800.

Families who have an outstanding balance after the 31 December 2021 and who have not entered into a hardship plan, will be charged an overdue administration fee of \$250 in February 2022.

The 2022 Fee Schedule and FAQ's has been sent via Operoo and is now available on the website: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/files/d/13131/Fees-Combined.pdf

PaySmart contracts for 2022 will be emailed to families mid December 2021 to allow you to choose a payment date and option that works best for you.

Community Notices

Hot Shots Tennis

Register now for Hot Shots Tennis (for children aged 5, 6 and 7 years old).
Term 1 2022-5 sessions available, limited spots, be quick!
Enquiries to Hot Shots Coach Grant Hanlon 0414 320 840 or grant.hanlonpp@bigpond.com

Music Tuition

Wendy Palmer is currently taking enrolments for piano, guitar and vocal tuition for 2022. For more information please contact Wendy on 0439 164 899.







