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Dr Hewson shares a story with Aria-Lisabeth, Clarry, Leo, Tilly and Eddy

## New beginnings and onward journeys...

It is a pleasure to be writing my first newsletter as Principal of St Mark's College. I hope that, like me, new students and staff have experienced a warm welcome. Although it was more than a few years ago now, I have memories of being five years old and going to school for the first time in the UK. I certainly did not have a pandemic to cope with, but I remember the nerves and excitement on the first day, the rows of desks, the squeaky blackboard, and the bottle of warm milk at recess. Thankfully, some things have changed, but the sense of something special beginning has not, as no doubt students and their families experienced last week.

Starting in a new school can be a little daunting. Will I get lost? Will I remember everyone's names? Will I fit in? If that is how you felt last week, you were not alone! I confess that my stomach was churning a little too, and I am sure some of our new staff may have had the same feelings as many of our students; that combination of excitement, nerves, and hope that 'this will be my place'.

Choosing the right school for your child is a big decision, and I thank you for the trust you have placed in us at St Mark's College. Our goal is to bring to life the promise of Catholic schooling, inviting students, staff, and families into a community inspired by faith and Gospel values. We are called to work together to bring out the best in each other, to be guided, in everything we do and say, by kindness, compassion and generosity of spirit. It is important to acknowledge feelings of anxiety, particularly during a time of pandemic. The more we recognise and understand emotions, the better able we are to support everyone in our community to develop their wellbeing and navigate difficult times. We all experience problems from time to time; it is how we respond to them that is important, sharing and solving difficulties together. A sense of wellbeing is the foundation of learning, and through shared knowledge and understanding, pastoral care and excellent teaching and learning, we will enable each person in our community to thrive.

A prayer by St Teresa of Avila, a 16th century Carmelite Sister, helps guide me as a person and my work as Principal. As we begin 2022, I invite you to reflect on what this means for each of us as a community of staff, students, parents, and caregivers in a Catholic school. We all have a part to play in developing and maintaining a positive, considerate, and collaborative culture, as role models for our young people, as children learn more from what they see and hear than what they are told.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks  
to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he  
blesses all the world.*

**Christ Has No Body**

*By St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

I thought I might take this opportunity to share a little of my story so that, hopefully, you are reassured that St Mark's College is in safe hands! I always wanted to be a teacher; whilst sometimes challenging, it is the most exciting, rewarding, and privileged profession. I think I was seven or eight when I was given a blackboard for Christmas, and when I could not round up friends in the neighbourhood to be my 'students', I lined up toys in the garden for lessons. Not put off by the lack of responsiveness of my Barbies and teddy bears, I realised my childhood dream and began my teaching career in the UK as a History and



Dr Hewson with her beloved dog Stanley

# From the Principal



English teacher for four years before taking maternity leave and moving to Brisbane for 18 months, with my husband Malcolm, and six-month-old son. Our second son was born in Brisbane. I have always said that one of our boys could play cricket for England and one for Australia, but the less said about cricket the better, as it can lead to a conflict of interest in our family! We returned home to the UK for a few years before moving to the Netherlands for a couple of years where I enjoyed teaching in an international primary school. We migrated to Adelaide in 2001 with our young family and I began working with Catholic Education in South Australia soon after. My passion for learning gradually became a passion for leadership and I have been very fortunate to teach and lead in various capacities in Catholic schools across South Australia and in the Catholic Education Office as a consultant. After six years of study, I became a Doctor of Education and then completed a Masters degree in Educational Leadership. In introducing myself to students last week, I explained that whilst I am known

as Dr Hewson, it is because I have a passion for life-long learning that I hope to pass on, rather than any skills in mending broken limbs!

I loved my time as Principal of St Joseph's School in Port Lincoln for five years, and whilst there I came to fully appreciate the strengths and challenges of schooling in a country community. I became absolutely committed to ensuring that students in regional and remote schools have the best educational opportunities and a range of pathways to meet their needs and goals. Malcolm and I moved from Port Lincoln to Port Pirie at the end of 2020 so I could take up a position as Regional Schools Performance Leader supporting our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Port Pirie. It is through this work that I came to know and be drawn to St Mark's College, so I am thrilled to now be here as Principal. I look forward to building on strong foundations as we work together to develop a new Strategic Plan and Master Plan to take St Mark's from strength to strength.

I am immensely excited by what is ahead for St Mark's College, and loving life in Port Pirie with our golden retriever, Stanley. When not taking Stanley for a walk or visiting our family in Adelaide, especially our beautiful ten-month-old granddaughter, Harlow, I can be found in my shed giving rein to my creative streak. You might see a mosaic or two appearing around the College in future if I can persuade some students to work on a project with me!

Thank you so much for your welcome, and your patience and understanding as we have managed the staggered start to the school year. Teachers have worked hard to ensure that students have been engaged in learning at school and whilst learning at home, but we are all looking forward to being together from next Monday and removing restrictions to activities and gatherings as soon as we can.

I wish you all the very best for the year.

*Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal*

## Welcome to our new College Staff



**DAVID ANTELL**  
Bosco  
English + HASS



**HANNAH ARBON**  
Benedict  
Rec Blue, Red + 1 Red



**EBONY BENNIER**  
Bosco  
Drama, English + RE



**KARINA DARLING**  
Bosco  
Science + Maths



**COREY DAVEY**  
Bosco  
Health + PE



**ABBY GEORGE**  
Bosco  
Laboratory Assistant



**MICHELLE GOODE**  
Bosco  
Textiles + Art



**SARAH HECKATHON**  
Bosco  
Science + RE



**STACEY HIER**  
Benedict  
3 Green



**BECKY HILL**  
Benedict  
Rec Green



**NEIVE JONES**  
Bosco  
English + RE



**TRYSTAN PERRY**  
Bosco  
HASS + English



**EMMA STONE**  
Bosco  
English + RE



**GIULIO WAN**  
Bosco  
Chinese, English + HASS

# Faith and Mission



Welcome to the new school year. For the second year in a row one of our guiding themes invites us to consider the question Who is my neighbour? Being neighbour within our school community has looked quite different while we are not currently able to all gather together.

This theme of neighbour explores a parable close to the heart of this community - The Good Samaritan. The story, at face value, seems straight forward. However at a deeper level it invites us to understand ourselves more deeply through our relationships and encounter with others. When we encounter someone who is suffering we have an invitation to respond with compassion, love and mercy.

Neighbours can be our friends, people we don't know, those in other countries and the whole of creation. Throughout the year as we encounter many different neighbours each day, we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or bystanders to each one of them.

To support our growth and development there is an invitation to:

- Show gratitude to God for all of creation
- Let others know that we respect and care for them
- Live mindfully through daily affirmations

*Generous God*

*You gave us the example of Jesus who reached out with acts of love, welcome and compassion to all who were in need.*

*May we be inspired by the example of Jesus to help others with neighbourly acts of generosity and kindness.*

*May we be moved to care for our neighbour and our planet, and work together to make our world a place of peace, harmony, and unity.*

*We pray that we will always have the love and courage of Jesus to help us to "go and do likewise".*

Amen

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

## St Mark's Parish Mass Times

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat:	6:00pm	St Mark's Cathedral
Sun:	8:30am	Holy Trinity, Crystal Brook
	10:00am	St Martin's, Redhill
	10:30am	St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
	5:00pm	St Anthony's, Port Pirie

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon:	8:00am	St Anthony's, Port Pirie
Tues:	8:00am	St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
	9:30am	Holy Trinity, Crystal Brook
Wed:	9:10am	St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
Thurs:	7:30pm	St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
Fri:	12:00pm	St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
Sat:	11:00am	St Anthony's, Port Pirie

## Sacramental Information Evening

Families of children who would like to celebrate their:

- First Reconciliation
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation

are asked to attend a Parent Information Evening on:  
**Tuesday 15 March, 7:30pm at St Mark's Cathedral**

### THE WITNESS:

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

### SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

# 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: 14/2 - 18/2		Week 4: 21/2 - 25/2	
Mon	All students return to school	Mon	
Tues		Tues	College Board Meeting 7.30pm, TEAMS
Wed	T1 Receptions - Rest Day 2	Wed	T1 Receptions - Rest Day 3
Thur		Thur	Leaders' Forum
Fri		Fri	

## Benedict Campus:

Greetings students, staff, families and friends to this very different start to a school year!

A grateful thank you is extended from staff to families for the supportive way in which you've dealt with a myriad of changes, some with less notice than we would have liked and some with restrictions we certainly hope are lifted sooner rather than later. Please be assured that any decision making is undertaken with the very best of intentions for the wellbeing and continued good health of your child/ren.

We were thrilled the Reception and Year 1 students were able to begin 2022 from 2 February. They have truly been remarkable in the way they have shown independence and resilience earlier than anticipated. I can assure you, that within minutes of their arrival, they were happily engaged in activities with peers and are embracing all school life has to offer.

Whilst a number of Years 2-6 students have joined us, we are really looking forward to the return of all students on 14 February. Thank you for your support with remote learning either at home or at school. I know the staff are very eager to begin face-to-face teaching for all students. It is something many of us have taken for granted over the years. A school without all its students; their voices, chatter, excitement and footsteps, just isn't the same and at times has been too quiet for us.

The school community would like to extend a warm welcome to new staff members Miss Hannah Arbon (Reception Blue, Red and 1 Red), Miss Stacey Hier (Year 3 Green) and Miss Becky Hill (Reception Green). We hope their time at St Mark's College is rewarding and life-giving. We also welcome back Mrs Katherine Stringer who takes on Music, Dance and Drama as Ms Karen Davison has moved to Caritas College in Port Augusta. Karen has spent 16 years as a teacher at Benedict and has been an enthusiastic champion of The Arts and thoughtful colleague. We wish Karen all the very best on her new teaching journey.

*Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus*

## Bosco Campus:

The beginning of a new school year can be overwhelming at the best of times. This year has been a much different start to the year than anyone was expecting, and with that, there may be additional anxieties being experienced by students as they return to school or engage in their learning remotely. I wanted to assure you that you are not alone, and we have a great team of Year Level Coordinators here to support you. Please do not hesitate to contact them to raise concerns, seek support or ask for some guidance with navigating the challenges of high school:

- Year 7 Jesslyn Byerlee [jbyerlee@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jbyerlee@smc.catholic.edu.au)
- Year 8 John Gibson [johngibson@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:johngibson@smc.catholic.edu.au)
- Year 9 Caleb Brown [cbrown@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cbrown@smc.catholic.edu.au)
- Year 10 Benjamin Goode [bgoode@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bgoode@smc.catholic.edu.au)
- Year 11 Matthew Munday [mmunday@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmunday@smc.catholic.edu.au)
- Year 12 Jane Gibson [janegibson@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:janegibson@smc.catholic.edu.au)

I would like to welcome the following staff who have joined Bosco Campus in 2022: Mrs Michelle Goode, Ms Neive Jones, Miss Emma Stone, Mr David Antell, Mr Giulio Wan, Mr Trystan Perry, Mrs Abby George, Ms Karina Darling, Mr Corey Davey, Miss Ebony Bennier and Mrs Sarah Heckathorn.

**A friendly reminder that in Term 1 all student needs to wear a hat.** Please support your child in making sure this is packed each day.

*Mr Marc Forster, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus*

# BENEDICT CAMPUS

## Welcome to our Reception students



RECEPTION RED > Harper, Henry, Rylan and Scarlett



RECEPTION RED > Alana, Aria, Eli and Charlee



RECEPTION RED > Elsie, Stella, Kobe and Bentley



RECEPTION GREEN > Maddie, Michael, Indigo and Campbell



RECEPTION GOLD > Kaison, Jensen, Deakin and Asher



RECEPTION RED > Archer, Bryson, Liana and Jude



RECEPTION GREEN > Olga, McKenzie, Clarry, Eddy and Lachlan



We look forward to welcoming  
Adelyn, Emmie and Archie in our next edition!



# Benedict Campus



## Welcome to our Reception students



RECEPTION BLUE > Will, Eva, Cameron and Alfie



RECEPTION BLUE > Lani, Beyleigh, Isaac and Calliope



RECEPTION GOLD > Emersyn, Connor, Anastasia and Haze



RECEPTION GOLD > Parker, Charlotte, Isabel and James



RECEPTION GOLD > Charlie, Aisha, Avery and Finn



RECEPTION GREEN > Spencer, Nylah, Caleb and Alessandra



RECEPTION GREEN > Tilly, Leo and Aria-Lisabeth



RECEPTION BLUE > Bentley, Oriana and Elijah



RECEPTION BLUE > Mackenzie, Henley and Marnie

# BOSCO CAMPUS

## Welcome to our Year 7 students



Cohen, Joel, Riley and Liam made a balloon tower in Science



Peyton and Georgia play an introductory game of kitchen bingo in Food Technology



Connie draws a self portrait in Visual Arts

*I felt nervous about starting school on Wednesday, but I was also super excited. It has been weird starting school having to wear masks and being in a new area than Benedict. I have enjoyed many things here at Bosco, like having a locker and being in classes with other people. I have enjoyed doing PE, Visual Arts, Science and Textiles.*

Paige, Year 7

*When I started at Bosco, I was nervous but excited at the same time, I enjoyed working with the laptops and making new friends.*

*I'm looking forward to Sports Day and learning more games in PE, I'm also excited to learn more things in Math.*

Max, Year 7



Liam threads a needle for hand stitching in Textile Technology



Lilli, Ayrlei and Alice take on the challenge to build their balloon tower in Science



Mr Jordan demonstrates using a handsaw in Design and Technology

## Parents and Friends




Maxie, Johan, Jo-Dee, Bernie, Kate, Sarah, Greg and Jade from the 2021 P+F Association

The Parents' and Friends' (P+F) Association comprises an energetic and passionate group of parents/caregivers from the Benedict and Bosco campuses who meet regularly during the year to actively support the College.

We enjoy working together to create fun events for our community and to fundraise for specific projects within the College. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents/caregivers and staff in the school community and to keep up to date with what is happening across the College.

We would love to welcome new members to the P+F this year. If you would like to join the P+F please come along to our AGM on Monday 7 March, 7.00pm in the Bosco Conference Room (next to the Main Administration Office).

Come and join us and help make 2022 a wonderful year!  
Mrs Kate McBride, **P+F President**



AGM

The Parents' + Friend' AGM will be held on  
Monday 7 March, 7.00pm  
in the Bosco Conference Room

## Community Notices

### HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

Gain some skills and have some fun at Hook In 2 Hockey coordinated by the Port Pirie and District Hockey Association!

**Venue:** 145 Wandearah Rd, Port Pirie  
**Date:** Monday 21 February  
**Time:** 4.30 - 5.15pm  
**Duration:** 8 weeks  
**Price:** \$35

To register visit:  
[www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey](http://www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey)



The Little Friends Scholarship, developed by 'Friends of Dignity' has been established to ensure all children have the ability to either further their education and/or be able to participate in extra-curricular activities that they may not be able to pursue due to the financial impact of Domestic and Family Violence.

For further information about the scholarship, click to visit the [Friends with Dignity website](#). To apply for a scholarship click to access the [Little Friends Scholarship Application form](#).



## Weekly Specials

### BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 3</b> Mon	Half Ham and Cheese	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
	Croissant		+ Fruit Box	\$6.00
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros	\$6.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls	\$3.00	Spaghetti Bolognese	\$5.00
	+ Fruit Box	\$5.00	+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
<b>Week 4</b> Mon	Ratbait	\$2.00	Taco	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Small Chicken Wrap	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Marinated Chicken with Fried Rice	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls	\$3.00	Steak and Onion Sandwich	\$5.50
	+ Fruit Box	\$5.00	+ Fruit Box	\$7.00

### BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 3</b> Mon	Half Ham and Cheese	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
	Croissant		+ 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros	\$6.00
			+ 375ml Zero Can	\$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza	\$5.00
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