

# NEWSLETTER

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Ashes were sprinkled as students paused to commemorate Ash Wednesday

## Thoughts, prayers, action

Lent is one of the most important times in the Christian calendar around the world. Lent is a six-week period leading up to Easter; it is a time of reflection and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and will conclude on Easter Sunday. We often see Lent as a solemn time; it is a time of prayer and fasting. For many these days, fasting means giving up something that might be considered a luxury or pleasure, like chocolate, but it may also be a time to give up something like social media, to give us time to reflect and focus on all the things we are grateful for. Lent provides an opportunity for us to be more prayerful, and our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine as we pray for peace. We take so much for granted in our daily lives; a warm bed, food on the table, a good education, financial and physical security, but these basic expectations are not enjoyed by millions of people across the globe.

Lent also provides us a focused opportunity to think about others. You will be familiar with the saying 'it is the thought that counts' and this was explored by Fr Jimmy at Mass last weekend. A less passive saying is 'actions speak louder than words!' During Lent we are invited to think about and act for others, through prayer, fasting and 40 acts of love or kindness. Donating money to Project Compassion is one way of supporting millions of people around the world who do not have the things we take for granted; clean water, clothes, food, and health care, and we are invited to think and act globally as people who seek social justice and equality. However, we can also think and act locally, in our own community, to demonstrate love and care in 40 acts of love or service. At the Ash Wednesday liturgy at Benedict last week, I invited students to undertake 40 simple acts of love. This might include asking someone to play who is looking lonely, helping a classmate with a task, wishing teachers a nice evening at the end of the day, helping at home by tidying up or taking out the rubbish. When it is hard to think globally, we can think and act with kindness and compassion in so many small ways. In this way our actions speak louder than words, we live our gospel values, and we ready ourselves for Easter.

*Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal*



New staff to the College were officially commissioned



# Faith and Mission



## From the APRIM



### National Evangelisation Team

This week we welcomed Sophia, Joe, Dan and Flic of the National Evangelisation Team (NET) to the Port Pirie Diocese and St Mark's College. NET is comprised of young people aged between 18 - 28 years who devote nine months to serving with the NET. Primarily, they work to:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Christ through a personal witness of faith.
- Invite other young people to live for Christ.
- Form young people in Christian character through the study and practice of their faith.

The team are based in Port Pirie and will spend on average 2 days a week working in our school community throughout the year. We see this as a great opportunity to support and enhance the faith formation of students and staff in 2022.

### Project Compassion

We are now a week into the season of Lent, which also means we are currently supporting the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each class has a donation box for students to contribute donations into over the 40 days.

### Can Recycling

Across the College we are running a can recycling drive. We have set a goal of each student bringing in a bag of cans for recycling that will support this campaign. Please bring along your washed empty aluminium drinking cans for recycling anytime from now until the end of term.

### Harmony Day - Casual Clothes Day

On Monday 21 March students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation and wear orange casual clothes / accessories for Harmony Day. Normal school expectations apply – neat comfortable clothing, closed in shoes and no singlet tops.

### Important Dates

- **St Patrick's theme Mass**  
Sunday 13 March, 10:30am at St Mark's Cathedral  
All welcome! *Wear something green and enjoy the folk band and Irish dancing after Mass.*
- **Parent Sacramental Information Night**  
Tuesday 15 March, 7:30pm at St Mark's Cathedral

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

## RECYCLE YOUR CANS



BRING THEM IN TO SCHOOL

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
PROJECT COMPASSION

## 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 7: 14/3 - 18/3		Week 8: 21/3 - 25/3	
<b>Mon</b>	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	<b>Mon</b>	R-12 Harmony Day Celebrations and Casual Day
<b>Tues</b>	Sacramental Information Meeting St Mark's Cathedral, 7.30pm	<b>Mon</b>	P+F Meeting Conference Room, 7.00pm
<b>Wed</b>		<b>Tues</b>	Board AGM + Board Meeting Bosco Library, 7.30pm
<b>Thur</b>	Ag Crutching Course, McNally Farm	<b>Tues</b>	Year 8 Retreat
<b>Fri</b>	Bosco Athletics Day	<b>Wed</b>	
	Little Lions Session 3	<b>Thur</b>	Year 10 Retreat R/1 Gymnastics
		<b>Fri</b>	Interschool Winter Carnival Years 5 + 6
			Little Lions Session 4

## Benedict Campus:

At Benedict Campus we use 5 Learning Assets in our classrooms. These assets were created by Kath Murdoch, an educator driving the education realm into preparing students for the future. You may notice your child beginning to use this language at home, so we wanted to offer some information around each of these. We hope this common language assists you in supporting your child's learning and skill development at home as well as at school.

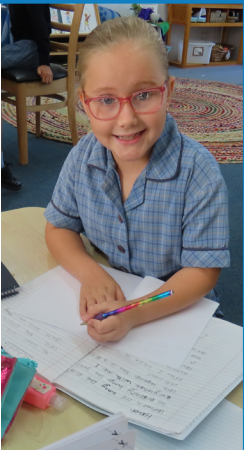
Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

### We are Researchers

We search, look at resources, record and find out new information!

We:

- Pose questions
- Gather information
- Think critically
- Record findings



### We are Thinkers

We question, create, wonder and imagine.

We:

- Wonder
- Are open-minded
- Are persistent
- Problem solve



### We are Self-Managers

We plan, persist, take responsibility and make good choices.

We:

- Are confident
- Are resilient
- Set goals
- Make positive choices



### We are Communicators

We use our words to explain our thinking and we speak clearly.

We:

- Are responsive
- Listen
- Use correct body language
- Speak clearly



### We are Collaborators

We take turns, share and encourage our peers.

We:

- Take turns
- Share
- Show kindness
- Are respectful

# Key Dates and Campus Information



## Bosco Campus:

### eSafety: Term 1 webinar for parents and Carers

During March, the eSafety Commissioner is hosting free seminars titled "eSafety's parent guide to cyberbullying and online drama". These seminars are suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 - 18 years old.

The aim of this seminar is to provide parents and carers with the tools to support young people to have safe, and respectful online relationships.

It will cover:

- starting conversations with your child about their online friendships and positive ways to deal with changing relationships
- understanding the rights, laws and community expectations that govern social media use
- where to seek help if your child is involved in a cyberbullying incident.

Sign up for one of three sessions that run throughout March. Register via the following link: [register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1132536977528511757)

As parents it is hard to understand all of the apps our children are using. The Carly Ryan Foundation has some great fact sheets to support parents/caregivers which can be found at: [www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets](http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets).

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

## College:

### Nominations for the College Board

There is one vacancy for an Elected Member of the College Board, who is interested in Chairing the College Finance Committee. We are fortunate to have received two nominations, with both nominees highly qualified and experienced in finance and accounting. **A ballot will be held at the AGM on Tuesday 22 March in the Bosco Library.** To vote in the election, members of the parent community must attend the AGM.

#### • Tamanna Verma

Tamanna and her family have moved to Port Pirie from Whyalla. Tamanna is a qualified accountant and financial planner, with a master's degree in professional accounting. Tamanna has several years' experience in banking. Tamanna has nominated for the College Board as she would like to use her strengths in reviewing financial statements, cost analysis, budgeting and forecasting business profitability and performance models in service to the community. Tamanna has experience in helping clients and organisations achieve their financial goals through strategic planning. Tamanna said in her nomination 'As a parent, I would like my abilities to be best served in the College community my children are attending, where I am able to build strong relationships and keep close involvement in supporting the school where possible'.

#### • Megan O'Shaughnessy

Megan is an Old Scholar of St Mark's College and has nominated for the Board to use her skills and knowledge to give back to the community. Megan works for Uniting Country SA Ltd as a Finance Team Leader and has familiarity with not-for-profit organisations, funding, and reporting requirements. Megan is a qualified accountant, registered CPA, and has a degree in Commerce. Megan has experience in various positions in public practice accounting and the financial services industry. Megan has two children at St Mark's College and has also supported the College as a member of the Parents and Friends Committee.



The College Board AGM  
will be held on  
Tuesday 22 March,  
7.00pm in the  
Bosco Library.  
**All welcome!**

### Volunteering at the College

Due to current COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our Volunteer Induction Sessions as planned for existing and new volunteers. Instead, a Volunteer Information Pack will be sent via Operoo next week. This will contain all the relevant paperwork and links to RRHAN-EC Training that is required for you to continue or become a valued volunteer at St Mark's College.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Leanne Klemm (WHS Coordinator) on 8633 8845 or [lklemm@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lklemm@smc.catholic.edu.au). For queries regarding the Working with Children Check application, contact Shona Waters on 86338800 or [swaters@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:swaters@smc.catholic.edu.au).



# BENEDICT CAMPUS

## Welcome to our Little Lions!



Raya



Lachlan



Beau



Lara



Archer



Elliot



Jay



Isla T



Isla B



Macy



Izak



Joseph



Sienna



Amelia



# Benedict Campus



YEAR 5 > To accompany their learning about science, Year 5s created these stunning oil pastel pieces of cacti



SHROVE TUESDAY > Amarli, Lexi and Sloan enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday



PRAYERS > With thoughtful creativity, our Year 2s painted peace doves and bright sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine



DISCOVERY > Rory made a Lenten Cross during Discovery time



LITERACY > Charlotte and her classmates in Reception Gold have been learning letter formation, making their names from playdough

## Congratulations to our award winners

	Star Salesian	Star Samaritan
6R	Victor	Harry
6B	Elise	Lewis
5R	Hannah	Xavier
5B		Ava + William
4R	Luca	Isaiah
4B	Miller	Alyssa
3R	Indiana	Hudson
3B	Maggie	Harper
3G	Luke	Ava
2R	Lana	Rubi
2B	Ivy	Ela
1R	Rory	Ruby
1B	Charlie	Dillon
RR	Aria	Rylan
RB	Marnie	Henley
RGr	Indigo	Spencer
RGo	Isabel	Deakin



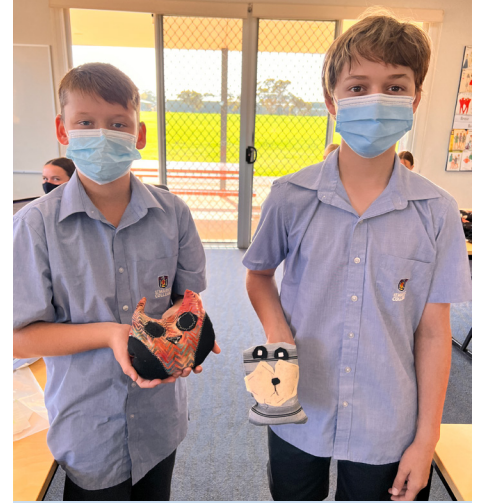
BUDDIES > Our Year 6 Buddies enjoyed meeting our Little Lions this week. Indee is pictured with her buddy, Lara



# Bosco Campus



SHROVE TUESDAY > Students at Bosco enjoyed pancakes with money raised being donated to Project Compassion, photographed is Arquene, Mariam, Chloe and Alicia



TEXTILES > Declan and Dash with the uniquely designed heat bags they made in Textiles



SHROVE TUESDAY > Addison, Jessica and Emersyn were collecting money for Project Compassion



SCIENCE > Ryan, Aspen and Noah perform a heart dissection in Science



LUNCH > Tabletop games have commenced on Tuesday's at lunchtime



BIOLOGY > Year 11 students were studying cells using microscopes in Biology



RELIGION > Year 7 students participated in team building activities with the NET Team



TEXTILES > Madison and Mahalia with the very creative heat bags they made in Textiles



## register now for our winter **sports**



### Registrations are closing soon for winter sports!

To register your child, contact the relevant staff representative:

- **SOCCER-** Kris Sjoström ksjoström@smc.catholic.edu.au  
Matt Sullivan msullivan@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **NETBALL-** Katie Pole kpole@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **FOOTBALL-** Todd Arbon toddarbon@smc.catholic.edu.au
- **HOCKEY-** Corey Davey cdavey@smc.catholic.edu.au

### STATE ELECTION:

With the upcoming election, CESA have been contacting local candidates about the best ways to support our Catholic schools.

Visit: [www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/state-election](http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/state-election)



## Bosco Sports Day

The P+F Association are looking for your help with Bosco Sports Day, Friday 18 March:

Cooking the BBQ for a sausage sizzle

Donations of baked goods for the cake stall (drop at stall from 8am)

If you can assist, please contact Kate on 0408 809 539.

## Community Notices

### Australian Childhood Anxiety Treatment Study

*Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?* Our team at Griffith University are conducting a nationwide study with free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders. For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact:

P: (07) 3735 3351

E: [cadrp@griffith.edu.au](mailto:cadrp@griffith.edu.au)

W: [griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study](http://griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study)

### Junior Golf Program

**When:** Saturdays, 9.30 - 10.30am, running in Terms 2 and 3 (or other times via enquiry)

**Where:** Port Germein Golf Club

**Cost:** \$40 (equipment provided), Sports Vouchers accepted

For further information message the Port Germein Golf Club facebook page or

E: [fethers84@gmail.com](mailto:fethers84@gmail.com)

P: 0419 552 374



## Weekly Specials

### BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
<b>Week 7</b>	Public Holiday			
Mon				
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$4.00 \$6.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00
<b>Week 8</b>	Ratbait			
Mon		\$2.00	Taco + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$2.50 \$4.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Schnitzel pack with gravy + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Steak and Onion Sandwich + Fruit Box	\$5.50 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00	Spaghetti Bolognese + Fruit Box	\$5.50 \$7.00

### BOSCO CAMPUS

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<b>Week 7</b>	Public Holiday			
Mon				
Tues	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Squash Dog + 375ml Zero Can	\$4.00 \$6.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	<b>Bosco Sports Day:</b> open 10.00am - 2.00pm		Wrap assorted flavours	\$6.00
			Salad	\$6.00
			Homemade Sausage Rolls	\$4.00
			Calippo and Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
			Ice-cream cups	\$1.50
			Cyclone	\$2.60
			Icy Twist	\$1.80
			Paddle Pop	\$2.00
<b>Week 8</b>	Ratbait			
Mon		\$2.00	Taco and Salad + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.50 \$7.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Chicken Wrap + 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00 \$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Schnitzel pack with gravy + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Steak and Onion Sandwich + 375ml Zero Can	\$5.50 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + 375ml Zero Can	\$3.00 \$5.00	Spaghetti Bolognese + 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00 \$8.00

Online Canteen Orders: [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Flexischools: 1300 361 769

Metro Canteens: 0447 978 752

