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Our Gallagher Year 12s celebrating a win at Bosco Athletics Day

Community, Celebration and New Journeys

What a wonderful Athletics Day we had last Friday at Bosco. The weather was almost perfect, warm with a pleasant breeze, there was a terrific atmosphere throughout the day, and it was great to be able to welcome parents on site again. Students' participation was exemplary, and as impressive as the competition was, I was equally heartened by students' attendance, and their encouragement and support for their House. I am always a little saddened when students choose not to attend events like Sports Days and Retreats, as these days provide opportunities for students to develop their sense of belonging, wellbeing, and commitment to community. Team spirit was strongly in evidence on Friday in the friendly competition and House support, and the whole day was an awesome example of what can be achieved individually and collectively when we think beyond ourselves and focus instead on the contribution we make to foster community.

Such events take a great deal of time and effort to organise, and I am very grateful to the staff and volunteers who went above and beyond, starting very early in the morning to set up, and working tirelessly throughout the day without a break to facilitate such a fantastic event for students. Thank you to the former staff and students who came to help on the day, and also to the parents who baked cakes, and the P&F, Kate, Daniel, Bernadette, Johan, Maxie, Cindy, Robyn, Jenny-Lee and Natalie, who organised and helped with the refreshments stall. Thanks to a generous donation of sausages from Woolworths, almost \$2300 was raised and such fundraising contributes to several initiatives of benefit to students. We are very blessed with an active group of Parents and Friends. Whilst small in number, they definitely punch above their weight in their contribution to the College. If you feel that you have something to offer the P+F, I encourage you to contact Kate McBride via the College or join the P+F Facebook group. Whether you can contribute to one event with one hour of your time or have more to offer, your support would be very welcome. Volunteering has become even easier with the online induction now on our website.

At the Annual General Meeting this week, we had an opportunity to report on and celebrate College achievements in 2021, and I am grateful to former Principal, Greg Hay, who prepared the report before he retired last year. There is so much to celebrate including 100% SACE achievement, students gaining apprenticeships and the completion of the Valdocco Centre, providing an outstanding learning environment for Year 3 and 4 students. For my part during the evening, I outlined CESA's new Strategic Plan 2022-27: Expanding Horizons and Deepening Practice and explained how this will inform our work in developing a new Vision Statement for St Mark's College as well as a new Strategic Plan and Master Plan. Staff are already engaged in this process and over the next few weeks and into next term, I look forward to consulting students and parents to ensure that what we develop is reflective of our community. Congratulations to Megan O'Shaughnessy who was elected as a member of the Board for the next two years, and thank you to Tamanna Verma, who will bring her skills in business and finance as a co-opted member of the Finance, Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Finally, this week, I'd like to thank Year 9 students, their parents and caregivers, teachers and senior student leaders who attended the Departure Ceremony to launch the Rite Journey Program this year. It was a lovely evening during which we all reflected on the significance of the journey through adolescence and into adulthood. It is not a straight, smooth road for most, but whatever the bumps and scrapes along the way, we are stronger together, and there to support our young people as they become increasingly independent and take responsibility for their actions and future paths.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



From the APRIM

Harmony Day

This week we celebrated Harmony Day. This national day fits so well with our Lenten season of renewal and self-reflection. It gives us another opportunity to consider the way that we live and work together. However, we are still a work in progress...

All are God's children and God has no favourites. Differences can sometimes be challenging and even maybe confronting. Harmony Day gives us a good reminder to approach all situations with respect for all. Jesus reached out with a healing response to all, especially those who felt rejected by others. Our challenge is to do likewise.

Lent Continues

As we continue to prepare for the Church's main event or celebration at Easter time, I am pleased to report that our Project Compassion fundraising tally went over \$1300 this week. I am so excited to see how much more we can achieve as students continue to bring in cans for recycling.

Outreach and action is a wonderful thing and goes hand in hand with prayer. It is through prayer and contemplation that we truly see a conversion of the heart to act in compassionate ways in our daily life. There are so many ways we can pray during Lent. Here are 8 suggestions for you.

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action.
As Catholics we are called to give up something for Lent. Chocolate, coffee, that extra helping of dinner, one less hour of video games or watching DVDs—whatever it is, you can make what you are giving up for Lent a prayer as well: a prayer-in-action.
2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.
Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press' popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ guided meditation or try the prayer reflections offered by the Irish Jesuit site Sacred Space.
3. Pray the Stations of the Cross.
This prayer helps us reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for Good Friday observance and the Easter celebration.
4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina
This method of prayer is characterised by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on key words or phrases.
5. Enter more deeply into Liturgical prayer. When you attend Mass during Lent, be conscious of and meditate on the words you pray in the liturgy. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer, the highlight of each Mass, has special significance during Lent.
6. Join or start a prayer group.
In group prayer you are able to offer and experience a positive example, needed support and encouragement, different perspectives, and the inspiration to grow in the Christian life. There are 3 or 4 operating in our parish.
7. Pray with children or as a family.
Share your faith with children by letting them see and hear you pray, and by praying together.
8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.
Prayer enables us to develop a relationship with God who is good beyond measure! If we can stop and find 5 minutes a day for stillness of heart it gives us a great opportunity to place ourselves on holy ground and recognise our own call to holiness. I hope that you find these opportunities fruitful ones.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

THE WITNESS:

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

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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



Finlay, Runi and Henley celebrating Harmony Day



Fun and inclusive lunchtime activities at Benedict

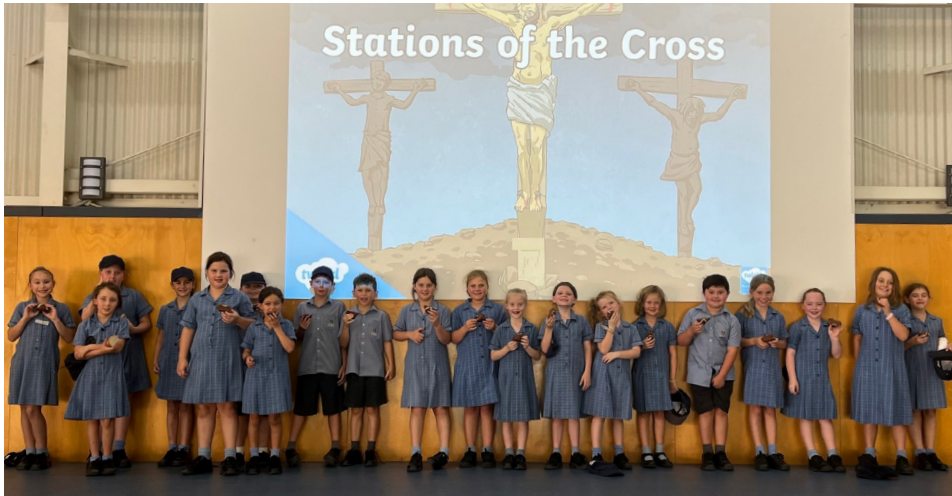


Year 12s sold soft drinks to raise funds for Project Compassion



Joel, Georgia and Panha celebrating Harmony Day

Faith and Mission



EASTER PREPARATION > Students in Years 3 - 6 have chosen to participate in a lunchtime prayer group during Lent. As a group they pray the Stations of the Cross and then share hot cross buns.



RECONCILIATION > Scott Darlow shared his messages of reconciliation, harmony and empathy through several performances with students across the College



ST PATRICK'S DAY > Hannah and Ava performed an Irish Dance at the St Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral



ST PATRICK'S DAY > Year 11 Food Technology students made special biscuits for the parishioners to enjoy



RITE JOURNEY > Year 9s celebrated their Opening Ceremony with a range of fun team-building games



RITE JOURNEY > Year 12s offered support through a guard of honour and a conversation



RITE JOURNEY > Families joined the Year 9s to celebrate the Departure Ceremony followed by a sausage sizzle in the evening

Key Dates and Campus Information



Our College Calendar is continuously being updated on our website: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/news/calendar.
Click to find the most accurate event information.

Week 9: 28/3 - 1/4		Week 10: 4/4 - 8/4			
Mon		Mon		Benedict Parent Teacher Interviews via phone or TEAMS	Diocesan Assembly
Tues	R-12 SRC Liturgy and Badge Presentation Benedict Oval, 9.30am	Tues			
	Bosco Campus Principal Tours Bosco Campus, 5.00pm	Wed	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews via phone or TEAMS		
Wed	POSTPONED: Ag Sponsors BBQ McNally Farm, 6.30pm	Thur			
Thur		Fri	Year 5 Easter Reenactment		
Fri	Little Lions Session 5		Little Lions Session 6		

Benedict Campus:

As we continue to navigate through COVID restrictions, communication between home and school can be a little more challenging with not being able to visit classes at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Please note, we value communication between home and school and are interested in answering all your questions. The process below may assist you in receiving a prompt reply:

Issues relating to the classroom
(absence, academic, behaviour,
curriculum, health, timetable, wellbeing)

Classroom or Specialist Teacher
(list of Specialist Teachers below)
Use Communication Book or Diary

Urgent issues that require a more
in-depth response or investigation

Year Level Coordinators
Phone 8633 8802 to make an
appointment for a meeting or phone
call

Issues pertaining to staff

Deputy Principal
Phone 8633 8802 to make an
appointment for a meeting
or phone call

Further to the above processes, please note:

- The Communication Book or College Diary is the preferred and quickest way to contact us as many staff are unable to check emails frequently due to teaching loads, yard duties and meetings. As part of the morning routine (8:45-8:55am) students are asked for any notes. To enable this to work smoothly, please tell your child there is a note for the teacher or stick something on the cover to alert them to pass the Communication Book/Diary onto their teacher. If the issue requires some investigating or follow up, teachers may just acknowledge your note and get back to you later in the week. Again, they may have a fully timetabled day with classes, duties and meetings. Please also note that some staff work part-time, so they will respond when they are on site.
- Email is available but due to the nature of primary teaching and timetables, a minimum of 48 hours for a response is the norm, unless the issue is urgent.
- Social Media is not a form of communication regarding these matters.
- Office staff and teachers are in constant communication with the Year Level Coordinators and the Deputy Principal regarding issues. Often responses are from the Leadership Team but via the class teacher as there are nearly 400 students/families who require a response or support.

Specialist Teachers:

Curriculum Coordinator	Lauren Cable	Indigenous Liaison	Jenna George
Inclusive Education/LAPP	Louise Richards	Italian	Pia Keain
Literacy Coordinator	Naomi Connor	Little Lions	Melissa Gadaleta and Katie Pole
Numeracy Coordinator	Belinda Rafanelli	Music/Dance/Drama	Katherine Stringer
PE and Health	Jo Wilsdon and Niall Ashby	Technology and Design	Charlotte Kerin

Year Level Coordinators:

Reception - Year 2	Niall Ashby	Year 3 - Year 6	Pia Keain
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Key Dates and Campus Information



Would you like to volunteer your time?

The Learning Assistance Partnership Program (LAPP) continues to support students through two integral areas; homework support and targeted tutoring (extension and support).

Volunteers can assist with: reading, writing, maths, spelling, sight words, comprehension of texts, fine motor skills, JP phonics/sounds, long term projects and times tables.

The program is designed for those children who require extra 1:1 support in the area of homework, basic literacy and numeracy skills and confidence boosting.

If you would like to be part of this great initiative to support our students please contact Louise Richards via:

E: lrichards@smc.catholic.edu.au

P: 8633 8802

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

Bosco Campus:

As a College, we value the partnership we share with parents and caregivers in the growth and development of our students. From time to time, it's necessary for us to reach out to one another to seek support, especially in the areas of learning and student wellbeing.

Below are two flowcharts of communication to support you in identifying the appropriate person to contact when these moments arise. Every teacher is able to be contacted by calling the College on 8633 8800. Alternatively, you can contact staff members via email using info@smc.catholic.edu.au with the name of the relevant staff member in the subject line. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

We are here to support you and your child as they navigate some of the challenges that come with being a life long learner.

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

Who do I contact about my child's wellbeing?



Who do I contact about my child's learning?



Benedict Campus



YEAR 4 > In Science, our Year 4 students have been learning about living things and have created their own hairy heads using soil, water, grass seeds and light.



PE > Emmie, Isaac and Receptions and Year 1 students have been learning Gymnastics at the Aquatic and Leisure Centre



YEAR 1 > Dillon and her classmates have been learning about 'Acknowledgement of Country'



YEAR 3 > In RE Year 3 Green have been looking at the ways in which God has made them unique. The students created an artwork with their portrait on one side and all the things we like that make them unique on the other!



YEAR 4 > Our Year 4 boys with their hairy head plants



LITTLE LIONS > Joseph and his classmates visited the library and borrowed their first book

Bosco Athletics Day



TRACK > All the action was on the track and field at Bosco Athletics Day

FRANK LAURITSEN MEMORIAL SHIELD (OVERALL WINNER):

1st	Gallagher	2128
2nd	Polding	2002
3rd	McNally	1972
4th	Bosco	1567

RECORDS BROKEN:

U13	Javelin	Lily	19.3m
	800m	Alice	3:02
	400m	Archie	1:06:19
	High Jump	Lily	1.43m
U14	Javelin	Davyn	24.62m
U16	Shot Put	Claire	9.95
Open	Long Jump	Sam	5.97
	800m	Marshall	2:10:91

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS + SHIELDS:

U13	Archie and Alice	Polding
U14	Beau and Alyssa	McNally
U15	Jack and Violet	Gallagher
U16	Marc and Claire	Gallagher
Open	Sam and Mabel	McNally



CELEBRATION > A celebratory high 5 between Lily and Mr Sjostrom



SHOTPUT > Kyleah throws the shotput



HIGH JUMP > Shyla competes in the high jump



LONG JUMP > Bailey lands after his jump



RELAY > Tyla and Ava in the Open Girls relay

Bosco Campus



MEDIA ARTS > Year 10 Media Arts students visited the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery to view a photography exhibition by indigenous artist, Naomi Hobson. Photographed are Cohen, Riley, Ruth and Ruby.



ENGLISH > Year 11 English students were given the challenge of preparing a persuasive speech for a charity. Congratulations to Jazlyn whose persuasive speech made her charity 'The McGrath Foundation' winners of the \$1M simulated cheque.



DRAMA > Students in Year 8 drama have been exploring how in theatre, directors and actors make specific decisions to create meaning. Our class watched the St Mark's production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.



CLOSE THE GAP > Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the Close the Gap mini mental health expo at Woodward Park recently. Photographed are Amahli, Ellie, Lacie, Bridie, Panha, Lyla and Demi



AGRICULTURE > Agriculture students have completed a two day Crutching and Wool Handling Course at McNally Farm this week under the guidance of Josh from Shearer Woolhandler Training. Pictured are (back) Georgia, Max, Tate, Tyson, Tom, Connor and Zac (front) Alex, Adele, Daisy, Adam, Alan, Luke and Sam



CRUTCHING > Zac crutching the sheep as Tyson looks on

CRUTCHING: [Click](#) to watch the local news report featuring our students!

College Notices

Farewell Brian Hayes

This week we farewelled Mr Brian Hayes who has worked at the College since 2016. Brian has been a well-known and valuable member as our Ag and Trade Skills Assistant at McNally Farm and a College Bus Driver for our Port Broughton and Benedict Campus runs. He will be greatly missed!

We wish Brian and his wife Nathalie all the best as they set off on a new adventure in the Northern Territory.



GOOD LUCK

Port Pirie Junior Tennis Grand Final are this Saturday 26 March.

Congratulations to:

A Grade Red

James, Julius, Seth and Marco

B Grade Blue

Bailey, Austin, Ryan and Declan

who will be competing in the Grand Finals this week. We wish them all the best on Saturday!



Thank You Woolworths

Thank you to Woolworths, Port Pirie for donating the sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle at Bosco Athletics Day.

The sausage sizzle, along with the cake stall raised an outstanding \$2294.00. Well done to the P+F and everyone who volunteered on the day!



Community Notices

Supa Kids EASTER @ Memorial Park



SUNDAY, 10th April 2022

3.30pm - 5.30pm

@ Memorial Park (Gertrude St)

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY.



Songs

Games

Crafts

Bible Story

Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 9 Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$4.00 \$6.00
	Tues	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Butter Chicken with Rice + Fruit Box
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Spaghetti Bolognese + Fruit Box	\$5.50 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Marinated Chicken and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Fruit Box	\$6.00
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BOSCO CAMPUS

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