



**ST MARK'S
COLLEGE**

**REMINDER:
STUDENT FREE DAYS**

Thursday 14 April
Monday 2 May
Tuesday 3 May

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Our College student leaders were commissioned last week, photographed are our Year 6 School and House Captains, Amarli, Ryleigh, Bailey, Lilly, Lewis, Sloan, Liam, Caprie, Poppy and Lincoln

Stand Tall and Let Your Light Shine

It was so good to gather outside as an R-12 community last week and welcome parents to our Leadership Liturgy. We were blessed by wonderful weather, and the presence of Fr Jimmy who shared with us one of my favourite readings from the gospel of Matthew: 'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: 14-16).

As members of a Catholic community, we are encouraged to be like our greatest teacher, Jesus. We are all neighbours and friends and should value and respect each other's strengths and differences. Everyone in our community has a right to feel like they belong and are valued for who they are. During the liturgy we heard our new student leaders commit to being more like Jesus, being good role models and acting courageously to do what is right. Being a leader brings responsibilities. It requires compassion, kindness, courage and being respectful. These are values that should resonate with all of us because they are core to who we are as a Catholic school and as good human beings.

I shared the story of Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and an author of the Declaration of Independence. He is credited with bringing streetlights to Philadelphia over two hundred and fifty years ago. He did not shout about the idea; he simply built a light and mounted it on a post outside his house, where it cast a glow of light and warmth into the darkness. Other townspeople noticed the light and placed a light outside of their homes. One after another, townspeople followed Franklin's example until the whole city was lighted, and safer after dark. His one small action, leading by example, changed things for the better.

We all have a light inside of us, and a responsibility to let our light shine so that we become the best version of ourselves. Sometimes we will be leaders and sometimes followers. There is nothing wrong with being a follower, if we are following what we know to be right. Without the Apostles, the first followers of Jesus, his example and teaching may have been forgotten.

Sadly, sometimes we see in schools what I call 'tall poppy syndrome', where students are reluctant to do their best for fear of being 'cut down' by others. Instead of striving to be a little better each day through commitment and effort, a feeling can begin to take hold that 'just enough is good enough'. It is not! That is not how we learn and grow as people. Having the courage to do and be our best creates a positive culture and encourages others to do the same, whether in learning or in modelling the values important to growing and living harmoniously as a community. I encourage everyone to stand tall, strive to improve a little each day and be proud of achievements. As Ash Barty's coach recently said, 'you don't have to be the number one in the world, you just need to be the best version of you'. As students in Years 7-12 receive reports next week, I encourage them to reflect on achievements and set goals for progress next term.

As Marianne Williamson wrote, 'Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people around you won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to



shine. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.'

So, I invite all in our community to look in the mirror, recognise the leader within and let your light shine.

Community Consultation: Shaping Our Future

We are undertaking some exciting work this year, developing new Vision and Mission statements that reflect who we are as a College, and what we are aiming to achieve with and for our students and community. In conjunction with this we are also developing a new Strategic Plan to provide goals in several key areas to help us fulfil our vision and mission. In the formation of these significant documents, it is important to capture student and parent voices. Students have contributed via class discussion and surveys, and I invite you, as parents, caregivers, and members of our community, to contribute to shaping the future directions of St Mark's College through completion of this survey ([click here to access the survey](#) or visit <https://forms.office.com/r/jjwhRp8TAn>).

Responses are anonymous, and the survey should take about 10-15 minutes. Thank you for your time and your contribution to this important work. The survey will be open until Friday 22 April.

Easter Blessings

As we move towards the end of Term 1, I express my thanks to students, staff, and families for your support during my first term as Principal at St Mark's College. Whilst, no doubt, we are all ready for a holiday, let us take a moment to reflect on the importance of Easter and what this means as one of the most important celebrations in the Christian Church; 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). The death and resurrection of Jesus is at the core of our faith, and our belief in hope, forgiveness, and salvation.

May you enjoy time with family and friends and an opportunity to refresh and re-charge ready for Term 2!

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



Dr Hewson presents Minette with her badge



Maya and Alcuin are the SRC Representatives for 3 Green



Isabelle and Thomas (College Captains), Charlise and Kalan (Sports Captains) and Charlotte (Creative Arts Captain)

Congratulations

to our student leaders who were officially commissioned last week:

Benedict SRC Representatives (Semester 1)

- **Reception:** Lani, Will, Avery, Deakin, Tilly, Archie, Harper and Bentley
- **Year 1:** Sienna, Ted, Olivia and Jameson
- **Year 2:** Mia, Eric, Scarlett and Jacob
- **Year 3:** Noelle, Brodie, Maya, Alcuin, Addison and Rhys
- **Year 4:** Pandorah, Parker, Charlotte and Archie
- **Year 5:** Amahlee, Caleb, Ivy and Thomas
- **Year 6:** Elise, Riley, Lexi and Harry

Benedict School and House Captains

- **School Captains:** Sloan and Lewis
- **Bosco Captains:** Amarli and Ryleigh
- **Gallagher Captains:** Lilly and Bailey
- **McNally Captains:** Caprie and Liam
- **Polding Captains:** Poppy and Lincoln

Bosco House Representatives and Captains

- **Bosco:** Imogen, Mitchell, Ruby, Amity, Imogen and Charlee
- **Gallagher:** Hamish, Jacob, Zara, Khaelen, Tyla and Charlie
- **McNally:** Violet, Jack, Mya, Blake, Taya and Mabel
- **Polding:** Alyssa, Jackson, Minette, Jackson, Eliza and Cooper

Bosco Extracurricular Captains

- **Sports Captains:** Charlise and Kalan
- **Creative Arts Captain:** Charlotte
- **Salesian House Captain:** Isabelle

Faith and Mission



From the APRIM



Year 5s celebrating the resurrection at the Easter Reenactment

Easter is near

The end of term has nearly arrived, I have wondered some days how we have achieved all the learning and activities of Term 1 in the current uncertain and challenging circumstances! There has been a tremendous amount of work put in by so many to continue as a vibrant, enthusiastic and welcoming school learning environment.

This weekend we begin the week long commemoration of Jesus' most sacred and loving acts of service and sacrifice – Holy Week. We have the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Easter is a great reminder that Christ died and rose once and for all and for each one of us. His death and resurrection can transform our lives as we endeavour to live lives that know the freedom of goodness – lives that have love for our neighbour, lives that respect all creation, lives that restore hope and mercy through our daily actions.

Prayer Lord,

Help us to accept the grace of Christ's resurrection. Let us be renewed by God's mercy. Let us know the love of Jesus. Let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives. Let us become agents of his mercy, channels through which God can protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. Amen.

Wishing you all a blessed, restful and rejuvenating Easter and holiday break.

See you back at school in Term 2.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM



Jesus (Harry) appears to Mary (Olivia) after the resurrection



Jesus (Shoalin) is welcomed with palms on Palm Sunday

THE WITNESS:

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

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

1 Blue's Lenten Promises



Fraiser's lenten promise "I will show kindness by helping someone."



Amahli's lenten promise "I will give up buying toys."

Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday	Normal Parish Mass Times
Holy Thursday	7.30pm, CB and PP
Good Friday	11.00am, Stations of the Cross 3.00pm, CB and PP
Holy Saturday	Blessing of Easter Baskets
Easter Vigil	7.30pm, PP
Easter Sunday	Normal Parish Mass Times

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 11: 11/4 - 15/4		Week 1: 2/5 - 6/5		Week 2: 9/5 - 13/5			
Mon		SAPSASA Softball	Mon	Staff Planning Days Student free days, see Operoo for details	Mon	P+F Meeting Conference Room, 7.00pm	Catholic Education Week
Tues			Tues	Boarders Return	Tues	Y11 RAP Presentation	
Wed	Final Day of Term 1 Benedict- 3.20pm Bosco- 3.15pm Year 7 - 12 reports issued		Wed	Term 2 Commences	Wed	Y7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews St Mark's Sports Centre, 4.00 - 6.30pm	
Thur	Staff Planning Day Student free day, see Operoo for details		Thur		Thur	Year 11 Sleepout	
Fri	Good Friday		Fri	Career's Expo Little Lions Session 7	Fri	R-6 Mass St Mark's Cathedral, 12.00pm	

Benedict Campus:

As we near the completion of Term 1, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of school routines and processes, especially with the ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions. You have certainly made a challenging time much more manageable with your understanding and flexibility. As always, the staff of St Mark's are committed to the wellbeing and academic growth of your precious children and undertake this privilege seriously.

Often school routines and processes are passed down through siblings and families, sometimes not recorded anywhere! I hope the following information assists with a smooth transition into Term 2 on Wednesday 4 May.

Mornings and Afternoons

For students, following the morning routine without rushing is the best way for them to move their mind into a 'school space'. After they have completed their jobs and maybe even have had a little time to burn off some energy, the beginning of the day with the class teacher is instrumental in setting up a successful school day. It is important that students are present from the beginning of the day so they can join their class in prayer and have the teacher ease any concerns when they go through what is going to happen during the day. The least amount of interruptions possible is encouraged so if your child is not in class by 8.45am, please go directly to the office to sign in. Please do not escort your child to class as this causes disruption to the calm environment the teacher is trying to create through prayer and daily discussion.

After this time, classes either move into a Literacy Block, Mathematics or a Specialist Learning Area until Recess. I know it will not always be convenient but where possible, please try not to book an appointment during the morning block (8:50-10:55am).

For each child who arrives late/leaves early, this is at least 10-15 minutes that the class teacher needs to stop their teaching/facilitating and class' learning is interrupted. Often, it is not just one student but a run of 3 or 4 (or more in the afternoon). Please be mindful of this when booking appointments and choices of times are available. We do understand choices of time is not always possible but if we can reduce some interruption it would be very much appreciated.

Forgotten Items

We would also like to minimise disruptions for the remainder of the day. If your child has forgotten their library books, fruit, hat etc please drop the item/s off at the office. This will minimise the number of interruptions the teachers and students experience during the day. As you can imagine, once a train of thought is derailed it is often difficult for both students and staff to pick up exactly where the teaching moment was before the interruption.

Communication

- The College Newsletter and Diaries (Years 3 - 6)/Communication Books (Reception - Year 2) are the main form of communication from school to home as the nature of primary school teaching does not see teachers at desks and computers until break times. Please regularly check your

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child's diary each day for notes. College newsletters are sent electronically to families via Operoo and hard copies are available from the office. Newsletters are also on the College website: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/news/newsletters.

- Year Level, Benedict Campus and whole College information is sent via Operoo so please keep your email address up to date with school records.
- The College Calendar is updated regularly for events happening throughout the year, this is available electronically on the College website: <https://www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/news/calendar>.
- The College also has official Facebook (www.facebook.com/stmarkspirie) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/stmarkscollegepp/) pages to share images and videos of what is happening across the College.

Please note: teachers have been instructed not to communicate via private messages or social media sites. Please contact the office during business hours or write a note in your child's diary/communication book. Sometimes texts will be sent from the office – this mode is saved for urgent messages so please check your message upon receipt.

Allergies

A number of our students have severe allergies, food intolerances and/or religious, cultural and personal food choices. Currently we are able to maintain the safety and well-being of all students by washing hands before and after eating. A high risk situation could occur when birthday treats are brought in to be shared with the class. We certainly don't want to stop this thoughtful tradition so we ask you to be mindful of the students in your child's class. Please inform the teacher before the day so that measures can be put in place i.e. if the child's parents know, they will often send in an appropriate treat for their child to have when the rest of the class is enjoying the birthday cake. Alternatively, treats such as zooper doopers are a safe option. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Carpark

The carpark always has a large volume of pedestrians and cars sharing the space. Please continue to take your time, adhering to the 10 km speed limit and the rules of the carpark. They are in place for the safety of all. Please note that buses always have right of way. A reminder that on wet weather days, there is no Pick Up Zone. Students will wait outside the GSH to be collected. Apologies for any inconvenience but often these days are low visibility and the safety of students is paramount. Please remember to inform any caregivers of the rules of the carpark if they are transporting your child/ren.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

College:

NAPLAN

Next term students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy).

As children progress through their schooling, NAPLAN provides a point in time assessment that allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared to their peers throughout Australia. Students in Year 3 will engage in the tests on paper, and students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will sit the tests online.

The tests will be conducted at school during the test window of 10 - 20 May, with catch up times included in case students are absent.

At St Mark's College, we encourage all students to have a go at the tests. Whilst we familiarise students with the test format prior to the tests, students are prepared through normal teaching and learning programs. We do not 'teach to the tests', or encourage any pressure or anxiety around participating. Most students are happy to have a go, and some even enjoy the experience! Adjustments are made to support students with known learning difficulties, but students with significant disability may be exempted from the tests.

Parents may choose to withdraw children from the tests and we respect your decision if this is the case. If you wish to withdraw your child, please contact the school and we will send you a withdrawal form. Further information for parents is available here:

nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf

We encourage you to support your child's participation. The results do provide us with a comparative measure to inform our approaches to teaching and learning, but NAPLAN is just one learning opportunity. Results are not reflective of the wonderful and diverse capabilities of our students and should be considered in a broad context of their strengths and achievements.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



With the growing COVID situation, we have made the decision to cancel our school holiday play session on Thursday 28 April.

Stay safe, keep well and we look forward to seeing you in the July school holidays!

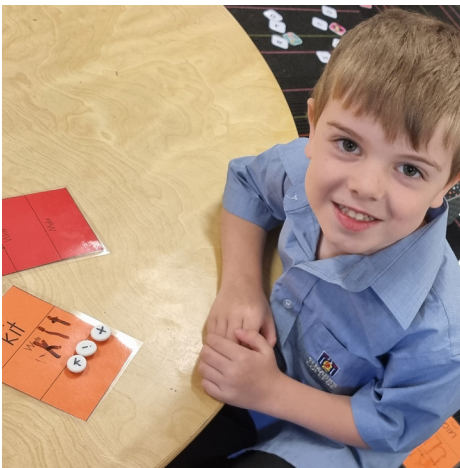
Benedict Campus



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions and their Year 6 Buddies ventured to McNally Farm where they collected chicken eggs, patted sheep and fed the goats. Pictured are Macy and Amarlee.



SCIENCE > Campbell and his classmates have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly



LITERACY > Lachlan and his classmates have been practicing their literacy skills with a range of fun activities



HASS > Lia and her classmates have been exploring Meeting Places in Aboriginal culture. The students created their own art pieces to reflect a 'meeting place' experience in their own lives.



Competing at the Winter Carnival for Year 5 and 6 students in the region

Congratulations to our award winners

	Star Salesian	Star Samaritan
6R	Indee	Dolche
6B	Bailey	Lilly
5R	Mariana	Peyton
5B	Jarva	Shoalin
4R	Zachary	Zali
4B	Declan	Trace
3R	Maha	Astrid
3B	Oliver	George
3G	Poppy	Oliver
2R	Xavier	Scarlett
2B	Indiana	Charlotte
1R	Delta	Frankie
1B	Aria	Nate
RR	Charlee	Elsie
RB	Beyleigh	Mackenzie
RGr	Archie	Leo
RGo	James	Jensen

Faith in Action

Sherwin

Zac B

Zak M



ART > Zaiyden, Carter and their classmates have created their own wildlife pictures inspired by Visual Artist Pete Cromer

Bosco Campus



FOOD TECHNOLOGY >
Year 9 students were busy in the kitchen creating their own delicious biscuits. Harry and Tyler made choc-chip cookies with a chocolate drizzle.



AGRICULTURE > Jay and Alan with the chickens at McNally Farm



FOOD TECHNOLOGY > Ava and her classmates created their own signature brunch dish in the Home Ec Kitchen



RITE JOURNEY > Xanthe, Madeline, Kodi, Amelia and their classmates worked in groups to make a nature mandala



Year 10, 11 and 12 students keen on an engineering careers visited Uni Hub Spencer Gulf earlier this week to take part in a workshop with CQUniversity

ENGLISH >

Year 10 English students have been studying sonnets and composed their own pieces.

WATERFALLS AND FIREFLIES

Jessica, Year 10

You're an opposite,
just like the ocean and the desert,
You said you loved the beach,
but you ran to the river,
Even though you say you love sand
you prefer the red dirt,
In the winter you dreamed of summer,
You enjoy listening to quiet music
but sing it loudly,
You love the sun but chase the moon,
When it was sunny you wanted it to be cloudy,
When it was February you thought it was June,
You love the warmth of fire
but are addicted to the cold ice,
Whenever I was at a low you were on a high,
I was in a nightmare,
and you were enjoying paradise
You wanted waterfalls but I was a firefly
And even though you were my whole universe
Maybe that's why I second guessed it
when you said you loved me first.

OSCAR

Morrie, Year 10

I remember the day I met you,
Your little puppy eyes staring at me
You were once so young, oh how big you grew,
As has my love, now as wide as the sea.

All you wanted was love and affection,
Oh how much I adored and cherished thee
And when I see you, I see perfection,
The way your tail would always wag with glee.

You love to run and swim both day and night,
As the birds flew high and the waves would roar
You never stopped loving with all your might
And as your grey hairs grew, I loved you more.

Your eyes now sealed tight, making me blue
While my thoughts are always memories of you.

College Sport



Tennis Season 2021/2022

It was a wonderful season of tennis, congratulations to all players for their excellent sportsmanship and endeavour throughout the 2021/2022 tennis season. We would like to acknowledge the:

- **A Grade Premiers:** St Mark's Red (James, Julius, Seth and Marco, coached by Grant Hanlon)
- **B Grade Grand finalists:** St Mark's Blue (Bailey, Austin, Ryan and Declan, coached by Katie Pole)
- **Association Awards:**
 - **Schebella Trophy; A Grade Most Consistent Male:** Ryan
 - **Madigan Trophy:** Julius
 - **Shirley Tiller Memorial Trophy; A Grade Most Consistent Female:** Isabella
- **St Mark's College Most Consistent Awards:** Julius, Ryan, Minette, Bailey, Miller and Riley

Thank you to our coaches for their time and effort given to all teams this season, and thank you to our families for their support of Junior Tennis, it will be great to see all current and even some new players in October 2022.

Mrs Lisa Manners, **St Mark's Junior Tennis Coordinator**



Our Most Consistent Players at the St Mark's College Tennis presentation



A Grade Premiers- Seth, Marco, Julius and James



Indiana takes a shot

Nyrstar Shield and JB Shackell Cup

Keen swimmers from St Mark's competed in the Nyrstar Primary School Shield Relay and JB Shackell Cup last week. We would like to acknowledge their outstanding team and individual performances:

- **Nyrstar Shield Relay-** Benedict Campus entered two teams in the relay, with B Team winning the relay! Congratulations to Harry, Max, Mateisha and Emerson (from RPPS who filled in for Jack) and to Team A who came fourth- Riley, Tyler, Aaron and Emily.
- **JB Shackell Cup, U16 Male 400m-** Congratulations to Angus (first), Brayden (third) and to Riley, William and Harry for competing
- **JB Shackell Cup, U16 Female 400m-** Congratulations to Ruby (first), Madeline (second) and to Matiesha for competing
- **Jean Seyfang Memorial, U12 100m Freestyle-** Congratulations to Aaron (first), Brayden (second) and Riley (fourth)
- **Jean Seyfang Memorial, O13 100m Freestyle-** Congratulations to Angus (second) and Claire (fourth)
- **Thoman Memorial, U12 50m HCP-** Congratulations to Brayden (first), William (second) and to Aaron, Tyler, Riley and Emily for competing

Information and photos supplied with thanks to the Port Pirie Amateur Swimming Club.



Tyler, Riley, Mateisha, Harry, Peter (Nyrstar), Max, Mr Ashby, Emerson (RPPS), Emily and Aaron at the presentation of the Nyrstar Primary School Shield Relay

Community Notices

Parish Stewardship Renewal

Dear Students, Parents, Families, and College Staff,

I thank Dr Sandra Hewson for the opportunity to write in your newsletter and for her encouragement to make connections with you. It has been a blessing serving you in the school community for three years.

This year we want to continue ways of being 'church' with all of you who take part in our Liturgies, Masses, and good works. Our parish/church is not only a place or building, but it is each one of us, you and I, as people gathered in these places including our College. Thank you for being church. I believe that you are the 'heart' of our Catholic Community.

During the month of May we are having a 'Making Connections' weekend in our parish. Parish Connection Cards will be distributed to all families in our parish schools. These Connection Cards will allow the parish to update our Parish Census register, to serve you better at St Mark's College, and for you to be able to share your gifts and talents with our Catholic Community through our parish Stewardship Renewal.

You will receive our Parish Connection Cards at your home address if you are on our Parish register, or through the College.

It has been an honour serving you in the school community,

Fr Jimmy Pantin, Parish Priest

Supa Kids Easter Celebration

Bring the family to celebrate Easter with songs, games, crafts and Bible stories at Supa Kids.

Sunday 10 April, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Memorial Park, Gertrude Street

North Adelaide Football Club Holiday Clinic

Tuesday 26 April, 10.30am - 12.30pm for participants aged 5 - 15 years

For information or to register contact:

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SABINA
TORTURED FOR CHRIST
THE NAZI YEARS

MOVIE FUNDRAISER:

Monday 18 April, 6.30pm,

Keith Michell Theatre

Guest speaker: Etienne McClintock,
Voice of the Martyrs

Tickets \$15 available at Sanctuary Corner or
Northern Festival Centre Box Office

Coffee and cake to follow \$10
Fundraiser for Ukraine Relief, Voice of Martyrs

Canteen Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 11	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
Mon			+ Fruit Box	\$6.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Pizza	\$5.00
			+ Fruit Box	\$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Small Chicken Wrap	\$2.50
			+ Fruit Box	\$4.50

BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 11	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Squash Dog	\$4.00
Mon			+ 375ml Zero Can	\$6.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$1.50	Pizza	\$5.00
			+ 375ml Zero Can	\$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Chicken Wraps	\$6.00
			+ 375ml Zero Can	\$8.00