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Our Year 12 Class of 2022 on retreat at Port Hughes

Reflect, Respect and Re-Set

In many respects it has been a long and quite challenging semester, impacted by illness and absence, but there have been many positive experiences. As I write, Year 12s are enjoying their Retreat, an opportunity to be together, reflect and re-set for the remainder of the year, and I am observing an AUSLAN lesson, with possibly the quietest and most engaged students I've seen.

Students are feeling tired and ready for a break, and I know that staff are feeling the same, but there is much to be thankful for, and I hope that in reflecting on the term we can appreciate each other, students, staff, and families, and all that we bring to our community individually and collectively.

I have appreciated the significant participation in surveys and workshops to shape our vision, mission, and future directions. The College Board will review progress early next term, and I hope to share our Strategic Plan 2022-2025 with you in Term 3.

Max Depree, an American businessman and writer, once wrote, 'We cannot become what we need to be, remaining what we are'. I shared this at a Bosco assembly recently, and asked students to think about the message this has for our community. We are a good school. Many of us work hard every day;

we know that we do not have all the answers, that we will make mistakes and cannot do everything, but we understand that learning and improving takes effort, commitment, and practice. Many of us try consistently to be kind, caring and considerate of others and understand that being part of a community means contributing to it in a positive way, accepting responsibility for the part we play in our success.

I hope that in time, I will be able to confidently say that we all share this understanding and commitment to personal responsibility. We cannot say we are a great school when some people feel that they do not belong or cannot learn because of anti-social behaviours. We cannot be a great school when some students choose to challenge expectations, rules and boundaries that were fully understood upon enrolment. Whilst it is instinctive at times to defend and excuse poor behaviour, it does not support the development of personal responsibility, and ultimately it damages relationships in the community.

Respect is the key to being a successful, harmonious community and a great school: Respect for self, in how we choose to show up every day as the best version of ourselves, being mindful of and fully attentive to our wellbeing as well as our learning; Respect for others



and the diversity we celebrate in our community; Respect for property; and Respect for the environment. Any behaviour that seeks to cause harm to our wellbeing, or that of others is just not OK. Behaviour that detracts from a positive learning environment is not OK.

A quote attributed to Maya Angelou is 'Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better!' As a College, in our Vision, Mission and plans, we are working towards doing and being better. As members of St Mark's College community, students, families and staff, I know we can become what we need to be.

I wish you all a restful term break; time to reflect and re-set for the second half of the year.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



Celebrating the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony were Lyla, Panha, Amahli, Ellie, Lacie, Gilbert, Ryleigh, Xzavier and Eva with Senior Nukunu Man Uncle Lindsay Thomas, Mayor Leon Stephens and Lillian Crombie

Faith and Mission



Year 7 Service Passports

As part of their learning journey, the Confirmation candidates are expected to complete some form of community service or social justice activity. This year however, Year 7 Coordinator Jess Byerlee, along with the Religion teachers have issued the challenge of completing a 'Service Passport' to the whole year level cohort.

Students are encouraged to use their interests, passions, and skills to provide meaningful service during free time that they can devote to the community. For community activities, students must be supervised or monitored by an adult, must be engaged with an organisation (i.e. an animal shelter, a scouting group,

or a charity, etc), and provide contact information (email or telephone number) for the supervising adult. Completed activities are then documented in the service passport at the back of the booklet that they received.

Some students have recently volunteered their services for Vinnie's Fred's Van. Lara, Hamish and Liam recently made slices and biscuits to be served with dessert. Pictured (right) is Max, Ryan and Leo who handed out gift packs at Fred's Van that were donated by Benedict families during Catholic Education week.

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Max, Ryan and Leo assisting with Fred's Van

Faith and Mission



Plenary Council

The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has its final assembly currently underway in Sydney. At the assembly, the 277 Council Members will consider the motions that have emerged from that national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia. Michael Preece has formally thanked our members; Bishop Karol, Nichii Marden,

Fr Jim Monaghan and David Green for being there from our diocese. The 30 motions that will be voted on this week can be viewed at the following link: <https://bit.ly/FrameworkForMotions>. Additionally, if you wish to join in online, watch the livestream at either 8.00am or 5.30pm: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

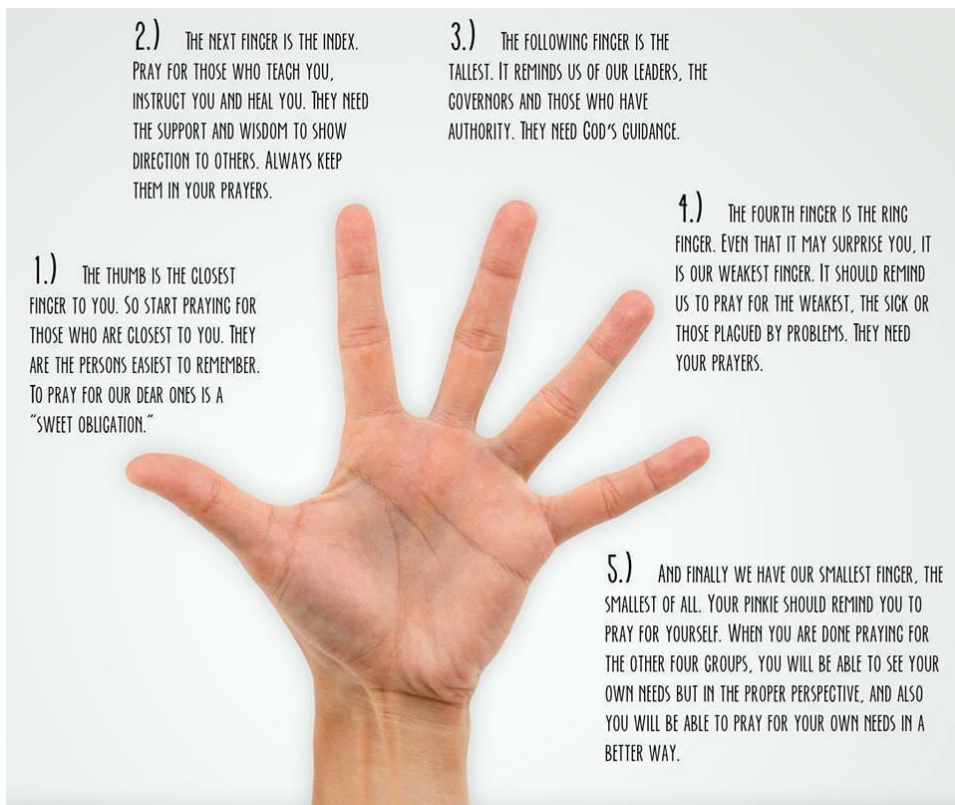
Types of Prayer

Prayer is an important part of your child's journey through St. Mark's College. We welcome and encourage you to share in all aspects of your child's education and Religious Education is no exception. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to introduce some important aspects of prayer and although it is nothing new, it can hopefully refresh your knowledge and understanding.

Firstly, the tradition of the Catholic Church highlights four basic elements of Christian prayer:

1. Prayer of Adoration/Blessing
2. Prayer of Contrition/Repentance
3. Prayer of Thanksgiving/Gratitude
4. Prayer of Supplication/Petition/Intercession

Secondly, prayers can either be viewed as formal or informal:



- Formal Prayers – These are the same all over the world. When we pray these prayers we use the same structure all over the world, helping build a sense of belonging and unity. These prayers also enable us to build a closeness to God, whilst providing links with the history of the Church.
- Informal Prayers – These prayers are more like a chat with God. It may be to tell him you love Him or love the things He has provided in your life. It may also be to say you need some help or you know someone who needs help more than you do. The words for these prayers simply start in your heart and sometimes it can be refreshing or comforting just to share those words with God.

week and encourage your children to do the same.

You don't have to be a practicing Catholic, or have any Religious Denomination for that matter, to find a place for prayer in your life. Like other forms of relaxation (such as Yoga or Meditation) some people use prayer as a way of finding peace and clearing their mind from negative thoughts or things that may cloud judgement or consume time.

Mr Shane Arbon,
Acting Catholic Identity Leader

THE WITNESS:

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

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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

Above, you will find Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer. You may wish to use this as a guide for your personal prayers this

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 1: 25/7 - 29/7		Week 2: 1/8 - 5/8	
Mon	Staff Formation and Learning Day Student free day, OSHC available	Mon	Parents and Friends Meeting Conference Room, 7.00pm
Tues	Start of Term 3 Welcome Coffee Good Samaritan Hall, 8.45am - All Welcome!	Tues	
Wed		Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 1 SACE Information Evening, Year 11 into Year 12 Bosco Centre, 7.00pm
Thur		Thur	SACE Information Evening, Year 10 into Year 11 Bosco Centre, 7.00pm
Fri	R - 6 Grandparents' Day Morning or afternoon session as indicated on invitation	Fri	Semester 2 Little Lions Commence

Benedict Campus:

Thank You

As the Term comes to an end, we thank Ms Katherine Stringer for her work in Music, Dance and Drama this year. She concludes her teaching contract with us ready to concentrate on completing her studies. Students will undertake Music, Dance and Drama with Ms Teresa Gadaleta for Semester 2. We look forward to welcoming Teresa back from maternity leave.

Mrs Gayle Dunning is taking some well-earned long service leave during Term 3. She and Terry have some great travel adventures planned. We will miss her efficiency and friendly dedication in the office. We have some casual staff coming in to support Margaret Fantinel as she takes charge in the front line at Benedict.

NAIDOC Week

This week we had the chance to celebrate NAIDOC WEEK. The 2022 theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! NAIDOC Week is an Indigenous-led celebration of the history, cultures, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Here at the College our Indigenous Education Team promoted various activities to mark this important week. Students engaged in local celebrations as well as spending some time improving our Indigenous Garden through planting new natives in the space. Eva Griesse, one of our Year 5 students, used her Genius Hour time to create her own story through art to share with our community and all classes acknowledged the week in creative ways.

There are more local activities planned to engage our young people during the school holidays that you may wish to be a part of. See the poster on our Community page for details.

Learning Journey

Term 3 begins again for our students on Tuesday 26 July. Staff will spend the Monday engaging in professional development. This day will allow staff to look at assessment by working through principles and practices that promote consistency in our school but also system wide across Catholic schools. This work will guide our development of the New Australian Curriculum that will be taught in 2023. Our Assessment learning will be led by Belinda Rafanelli and Ann Russack who are Leaders of Learning at the College.

The afternoon will be facilitated by SPELD taking the Benedict team through a whole class approach for supporting all students to plan our their writing tasks.

Wishing you each a restful break. I hope it is a time for family, fun and connection. I look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 3.

Mrs Katie Pole, Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

Vaping

You may have seen and heard in the media that schools around the country are facing the challenging of students vaping. What is marketed as relatively harmless is potentially dangerous and addictive, and we are aware that some of our students are engaging in this risky behaviour. Whether this is happening at school or socially and outside of school hours, we are greatly concerned about the effects vaping can have on the students in our care.

Vaping violates our school's policies and expectations, and any incident we are made aware of is, and will be followed up with appropriate education and consequences. However, you may not be aware that vaping is also illegal for anyone under the age of 18.

Vaping is the act of smoking e-cigarettes, or 'vapes'. These are lithium powered devices that use cartridges filled with liquids which typically contain nicotine, artificial flavourings, and various chemicals. The liquid is heated and inhaled into the lungs.

Unfortunately, students are participating in this activity and are probably unaware of the seriousness of their actions. As vaping is a relative new concept the health warnings and education have not kept pace with the marketing in the same way that has been the case with cigarettes. Students are led to believe they are simply ingesting flavoured water, but they are ingesting poisonous chemicals that can cause life-threatening injuries. Studies are currently being conducted and estimate that the nicotine content in one vape can equal 50 cigarettes. The other frightful insight is that other drugs can be vaped through these devices also.

We recognise this is a growing issue among our school and town and are working with the Port Pirie Police to run an information session for all students on Wednesday 3 August.

I encourage you to have conversations at home about the risks of vaping so that we can work together to educate students to make good choices for their health and wellbeing.

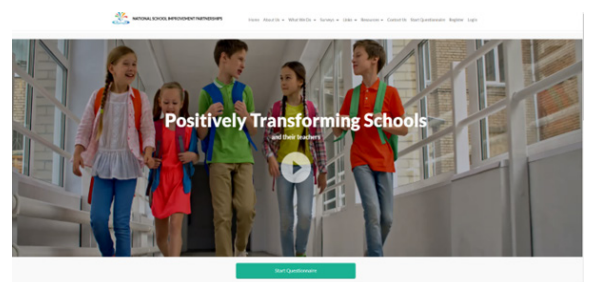
Mrs Sarah Freer, Acting Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

College:

Living Learning Leading Survey 2022

You will be invited to participate in a 3-5-minute survey that reflects our College's performance. By participating in this survey, you are provided with an opportunity to let us know how things are going for your child. Last year's survey data has already led to changes and future plans.

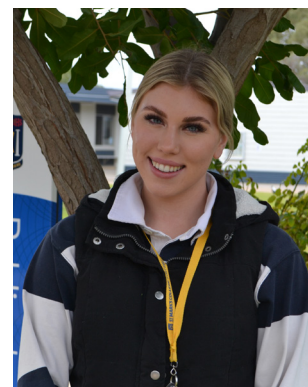
We value your feedback. Please keep an eye out for an Operoo for your chance to participate.



We welcome
Ms Cleo Li
to the Bosco
Teaching
Team



We welcome
Ms Rupinder
Kaur to
the Bosco
Teaching
Team



We welcome
Miss Crystal
Wastell-
Stevens
as our new
trainee in
Agriculture
and
Maintenance

Benedict Campus



EXCURSION > Our Year 3s enjoyed exploring Mambray Creek on their recent excursion



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions celebrated the completion of their transition-to-school, pictured is Lara receiving her certificate from Dr Hewson and Ms Gadaleta



SAPSASA > Congratulations to our students who competed in the netball and hockey



NAIDOC WEEK > Our Year 1 students made rainsticks, inspired by the ancient musical instrument used by Australian Aborigines

Congratulations to our award winners

	Star Salesian	Star Samaritan
6R	Caprie	Grace
6B	Jack	Shae
5R	Archer	Malakai
5B	Cooper	Hunter
4R	Sarah	Anna
4B	Victoria	Xavier
3R	Hugo	Luka
3B	Martha	Noelle
3G	Isabelle	Alcuin
2R	Jacob	Henry
2B	Liam	Jacob
1R	Gracie	Bastian
1B	Harry	Sienna
RR	Archer	Jude
RB	Bentley	Cooper
RGr		
RGo	Charlie	Charlotte



EXCURSION > Bentley, Aria and Stella at Redwing Farm on Reception Red's and Reception Green's excursion day

Bosco Campus



WORK EXPERIENCE > Year 10 students have completed work experience in a industry of their choice. Pictured is Jake with Craig from Farinola Diesel Services

VISUAL ARTS > Year 11 Visual Arts student, Ayeisha, was privileged to participate in The Centenarian Portrait Project by Teenagers. Following an application process, Ayeisha was matched with a local centenarian whom she visited over a number of months, before completing her portrait. Through the forming of inter-generational friendships, students participate in a life-affirming process that culminates in an art exhibition. Ayeisha's work was exhibited with the work of teenagers all over South Australia at the "Embraced" exhibition held at the Torrens Parade Ground in Adelaide. Working in digital media, Ayeisha created a painting with outstanding realism that pushed her visual arts practice to a whole new level.



VISUAL ARTS > Year 8 students have applied their creative thinking and clay hand-building skills to create these decorative clay words. Students explored the art elements of form and texture to create their individual pieces.



FOOD AND HOSPITALITY > Year 12 students visited Maurie from SD Caputo and Son's to find out more about sustainable seafood practices

ENGLISH >

Year 9 students read the book Holes and then watched the movie. The goal was to write a critical review to inform others who might like the story. Ilesha produced the most informative review, the introduction of this is shared below:

"Do you believe in curses or even fate?" If so, this is the story for you. In this story the main character "Stanley Yelnats" has a curse, that has been passed down for generations. Stanley finds himself at Camp Green Lake, a place for boys that have done bad things. There is Friendship and Fate, along with many characters, a few I will be talking about "Miss Katherine aka Kissin Kate Barlow", "Hector Zeroni (Zero)" and of course "Stanley Yelnats (Caveman)". Holes is a great novel to read or if you rather, a film to watch, which makes it great for a family, or for someone who is looking for a good book to read. I'd rate the novel a 4.2/5 as it was great to read, and I just couldn't stop."



TEXTILES > Year 9 students have been learning the art of weaving

Around the College



Indigenous Garden blooms

Thank you to Uniting Country SA's STAY program for their contribution of plants for our College Indigenous Garden!



Gilbert



Demi and Amahli



Eva

Exploring culture with food and fun

Year 12 Child Studies students shared knowledge about a particular culture through food and learning activities with their Reception friends.



Taya and Cooper



Lucy and Eva



Stephanie and Elijah



Ela, Archie, Isla, Jacob and Jade test out the no-tie option and look comfortable and smart

Uniform changes for Term 3

A reminder to College families about the new uniform options for Term 3:

- Ties will become optional
- Sports socks may be white or black and include the 'no show' option
- Hair may be shoulder length but tied back when asked for WHS reasons
- Students may wear one or two small studs or sleeper earrings in one or both ear lobes

See Operoo for all the details.

College Notices



Welcome Coffee

Join us for a coffee and a chat on the first day of Term 3!
Tuesday 26 July, 8.45am
All welcome!



Mini Mark's visits McNally Farm

Thursday 21 July, 9.30 - 11.30am
Fatima Centre at Benedict Campus
All welcome, gold coin donation!

Community Notices



OSHC Available on Student Free Day

Enrol your child via:

- Online at sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/oshc/st-marks-college-port-pirie
- Phone 8200 2516 or email oshc@ymcasa.org.au if you need any further assistance.

Are you aged 10 – 17... Come and Join us..

NAIDOC Youth Events Port Pirie



GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!



Basketball

Wednesday 13 July
11 am – 2 pm
Port Pirie Donaldson Stadium,
53 Grey Terrace, Port Pirie

Meet Basketball SA players
Plus... BBQ & Giant Jenga



Outdoors Activities

Thursday 14 July
2.00pm – 5.00pm
Port Pirie Skatepark
6 Beach Rd, Solomontown

Plus.. hotdogs, donuts and ice-cream

Soap Making

Tuesday 19 July 2022
10 am – 4pm
Parham Centre, 3 Parham St, Port Pirie

Uniting Country SA is supported in these events by National Indigenous Australians Agency, Tarpari STAY Program (Department of Human Services) and Rotary Port Pirie.