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Celebrating Grandparents Day with Rocco were Maurie, Janet, Rose and Tony

Welcome back to Term 3

I hope you had an enjoyable term break. I was very fortunate to participate in a professional learning opportunity in Brisbane during the holidays: Leading with Integrity for Excellence. As Principal I am responsible for many things. At the heart of this is student learning and wellbeing; the opportunity to support students as they grow and thrive as human beings is why I get up every morning with a smile on my face and a spring in my step. Other responsibilities include staff employment, development and wellbeing, community relations, financial viability, maintenance and development of infrastructure and Workplace Health and Safety to name a few. Whilst this is a great responsibility, I prefer to think of leadership as having stewardship of this wonderful community, setting the stage for others to flourish.

During the course in Brisbane, I was privileged to hear presentations from exceptional leaders in fields of education, law, and wellbeing. One leader, Sally Egan, Deputy Director of the National Catholic Education Commission spoke of the need to look inwards, outwards and forwards, a message that could speak to all of us whatever our age, work, and goals in life. It takes moral courage to be responsible and accountable, and to keep focused. Sally's analogy of living and working in a force field of positives pushing against challenges I think is relevant to all of us. If we keep pushing against the challenges, we will build our muscles and resilience if nothing else!

Sally's data about the important place of Catholic education was compelling. 1 in 5 children across Australia attend Catholic schools; that is over 785,000 students supported by over 100,000 staff. Of the 1,755 Catholic schools in Australia, 38% of them, like St Mark's College, are in regional or remote areas. Students with a disability make up 20% of the student population in Catholic schools and the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Catholic schools has increased 180.2% since 2000. When Catholic education began in South Australia in the mid-19th century, it sought to provide schooling for all students, boys and girls, irrespective of financial status and unhindered by location. Catholic education has remained true to this mission and vision, and almost 50,000 students are enrolled in Catholic schools in South Australia today. That is a tremendous legacy to be part of, and to be a custodian of, for the future of the St Mark's College community.

It was wonderful last week to welcome so many grandparents and friends into the school to celebrate Grandparents Day. That students were excited and proud to share their school and their learning would be an understatement. There is nothing more precious and powerful than the gifts of love and time. The joyful expressions on the faces of young and old(er) recalled a quote from Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop – 'there where you are you will find God' (1874).

As we settle in to Term 3, let us always remember that our mission and purpose is founded on faith, hope and love, and continue to set the stage for each person to flourish.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Reflective photos created and taken by Year 12 students on Retreat

Year 12 Retreat and Fr Arno's Homily

Although it was only in the last three days of Term 2, Year 12 Retreat seems so long ago now. However, I hold vivid and joyous memories of many activities and experiences that made the Retreat such a worthwhile experience.

I was privileged to be part of the Retreat, my first since I was a Year 12 student here many years ago. They are a great group of students. They wear their Year 12 hoodies with pride. When you walk into the Bosco Centre (something which is an absolute privilege for those that call it a study centre), you can feel a strong sense of honour and pride. Walking through the Bosco Centre, there is no evidence of isolation or group segregation. Instead, you see students demonstrating; humility, companionship, modesty and respect. That was the same feeling I had on Retreat. Everyone demonstrated respect for the experience and everyone was treated as an equal.

Last Wednesday, Mrs Freer and I accompanied the Year 12s to Mass at the Cathedral. We listened to the Gospel of Matthew that spoke of Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman in the region of Tyre and Sidon. During his homily, Fr Arno highlighted that this woman, despite her identity as a social outcast, an outsider and perhaps someone not worthy of God's grace, was able to see Jesus for

who he truly was. This was something that many Jewish people at the time were not always able to do. Fr Arno went on to explain this great quality and strength of Jesus, that he was able to welcome and create a sense of community for anyone of faith. He did not journey with a hierarchical outlook on life. He did not isolate or turn his back on people, regardless of their status or race.

Attending Mass with the Year 12s gave me the opportunity to reflect on the Retreat experience and I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students on creating such a strong sense of community. Everyone was valued for their individual qualities and these qualities were utilised in building a strong sense of unity within the group.

Grandparents Day

I was able to attend the morning Liturgy for Grandparents Day. It was wonderful to see so many Parents and Grandparents in attendance. What was even more heart-warming was to see the look on the students' faces when they turned around and delivered a special blessing to their Grandparents.

It is wonderful that we can again meet as a school community, on school grounds. With so many restrictions and interruptions, due to COVID-19, in recent



Great Grandmother (affectionately known as 'Big Nan') Ireane with her great grandchildren Jarva, Delta, Rahdy, Thomas, Hudson and Miller

times, Grandparents Day provided not only a significant celebration in the school year, but also a timely reminder of the importance of tradition in maintaining the true essence and foundational values that a quality school is built upon.

Mr Shane Arbon,
Acting Catholic Identity Leader



Chayse with his Grandmother Meredith after the Liturgy

THE WITNESS:

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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 3: 8/8 - 12/8			Week 4: 15/8 - 19/8		
Mon	Benedict Choir Rehearsal 9.30am - 12.30pm		Mon	R-12 Feast of the Assumption Mass St Mark's Sports Centre, 10.00am	
				Year 11 and 12 (2023) Subject Selections Open Online, 5.30pm	
Tues	Fr Dennis Hanley Cup	Year 11 and 12 (2023) Career Counselling	Tues	SRC (Semester 2) Liturgy Good Samaritan Hall, 2.30pm	
	Sports Council Benedict Library, 7.30pm				
Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 2	Bosco Library, 2.00pm - 6.00pm	Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 3	SAPSASA Soccer
	Year 9 and 10 Knock Out Football			Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher Interviews St Mark's Sports Centre, 4.00pm - 8.00pm	
Thur	Year 6 Retreat		Thur		
Fri	Little Lions Session 2		Fri	Little Lions Session 4	
				Year 11 and 12 (2023) Subject Selections Close Online, 5.30pm	

Benedict Campus:

Welcome to all our new students at Benedict Campus! Our 14 new Receptions are finding their feet in the Magdalen Centre with great support from their buddies. Today our Semester 2 Little Lions groups commenced their transition journey. In recent weeks we have also met the Fazel, Green, Schultz and Walton families, we hope you all feel a sense of belonging in our community.

Physical Literacy

Mrs Jo Wilsdon had a big smile on her face at the start of term in seeing the fruits of her patience and planning in creating our outdoor Physical Literacy space. She spent much time planning and preparing an engaging circuit that had to be put on hold until after the Valdocco building was completed. The course has been a very well-used space in the first 2 weeks of school. Physical literacy involves holistic lifelong learning through movement and physical activity, which delivers physical, psychological, social and cognitive health and wellbeing benefits. We look forward to using this space for a long time to come. Thank you Mrs Wilsdon for your initiative and drive.

Bump it up!

Last term we have made more explicit our Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for students through using the classroom as a third teacher (parents and teachers are the other 2). Students are now beginning to benefit from 'Bump it Up' walls. Bump-it-up walls are linear visual rubrics that clearly show students how they can progress in their learning. The walls can be used for any subject and work best when they specifically show students what an A, B, C and D look like in any set learning task. Model work samples are displayed with annotations in a progressive continuum. I have been impressed at how well students can articulate the learning requirements and identify elements for improvement.

Lots of things to do in Term 3

Keep an eye on the Calendar. There are lots of exciting things to come in Term 3 including Book Week, Open Night, excursions and Summer Carnival to name a few. It will be a rich and full term.

Mrs Katie Pole, **Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus**

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Bosco Campus:

New Beginnings

As we start a new term, I welcome back our continuing students and staff, and extend a warm welcome to the new faces we see around our College. I spoke to students on the last day of term about starting this term afresh, wiping the slate clean so they have the opportunity to be the best people they can be. This term we will continue to reinforce the message of respect among our students for themselves, others, and property.

Last term I conducted a survey among students that looked at the lack of respect shown around our school. The survey was anonymous, and students identified where they saw the lack of respect in our school and suggested how we as a College could improve this. I valued their honesty and recommendations.

Students identified the most common examples of disrespect in our school community are:

- Disrespect to teachers
- Disrespect to others
- Damage to toilets
- Litter

Student suggested that as a community we should:

- Improve student and teacher relationship
- Closely monitor who uses the facilities
- Allow time for issues to be raised and discussed
- Have stronger consequences for negative behaviours
- Make students pay for the damage they are causing
- Place the responsibility of change onto the students

I look forward to working with our school community to rebuild respectful, community orientated behaviours that create a safe school environment for all.

Homework Club

From next Monday, 8 August, we are offering a supervised Homework Club for students in Years 7-12 in the Bosco Campus Library four days a week, Monday to Thursday from 3.20pm - 4.30pm. See Operoo for further information.

Vaping Information Session

As I have previously outlined in the newsletter last term, throughout high schools around the country we are seeing an increase in vaping. We are aware of the increased participation of this craze among our students in a variety of year levels.

As a school we are concerned that students are engaging in this risky behaviour and have committed to educate our community about making good choices for their health and wellbeing.

The Puyu Blasters Team are coming to run sessions with students from Year 7 - 12 on Tuesday 23 August and are offering a parent/teacher session on Monday 22 August, 7pm in the Bosco Library. See the Operoo for further information and to confirm your attendance.



New Counsellor

We welcome Sonya Murphy to the College as the Counsellor at Bosco Campus. The School Counsellor provides a friendly, private and confidential service to assist with a range of school and personal issues. Students and their families are able to access this service, and can make an appointment during and outside of school hours, by phoning the College on 8633 8801.

Benedict Campus



Welcome to our Mid-Year Receptions



RECEPTION GREEN > Jay, Archer, Isla and Raya



RECEPTION GOLD > Lara, Amelia and Macy



RECEPTION BLUE > Izak, Sienna and Joseph



RECEPTION RED > Isla, Beau, Elliot and Lachlan



OSHC > Our Out of School Hours Care service is now available for morning and afternoon care, see the advert on back page for details



HEALTH > Testing out the 4-square court in the physical literacy space

Congratulations to our award winners

Term 2 Deputy Principal Awards for Good Work Ethic

6R	Amaliyah
6B	Elise
5R	Ivy
5B	Lauren
4R	Braxton
4B	Lia
3R	Fletcher
3B	Emersyn
3G	Amy
2R	Lana
2B	Eric
1R	Olivia
1B	Amahli
RR	Liana
RB	Eva
RGr	McKenzie
RGo	Avery



HEALTH > Maya and Marnie testing out the new physical literacy space in the JP area

Bosco Campus



YEAR 10 CAMP > Our Year 10s enjoyed a range of adventure and team building activities on camp this week in Victor Harbor



CONGRATULATIONS > "I wasn't naturally academic at school, but always tried my hardest. I hope this inspires our students to always give their best!"- Mr Antell
Mr Antell was recognised for his outstanding scores in his Masters of Teaching.



AGRICULTURE > Students have benefitted from two industry visitors, Emanuel Skorpos and Tom Ashby recently. Emanuel demonstrated vine pruning and canopy management to our students and Tom took wool side samples for testing from the Led Wethers for the Adelaide Show.



KNOCK OUT > Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Knock Out Football Team who have progressed to the Grand Final



CONGRATULATIONS > Jemma Kelly recently made her Premier League Netball Debut when she took to the court for the Metro Jets Netball Club. Recently Jemma has also represented South Australia at the National netball competition held in Canberra. Jemma's team came fourth and she was selected in the U15 All Australian Team.

We wish Jemma and her family all the best as they move to Adelaide, where she can extend and further her netball career.

College Notices

2021 Yearbook Orders

Orders are now being taken for College Yearbooks for 2021 Little Lions and extra copies.

R-12 Families at \$26 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: All families will automatically receive one copy

Foot in Mouth Disease

Agriculture staff are keeping informed about growing concerns for Foot in Mouth in Australia, for further information from the Australian Government, [click here](#).



St Marks College Port Pirie OSHC

Before School Care	Weekdays 6:30am - 8:30am
After School Care	Weekdays 3:20pm - 6:00pm
Vacation Care	Weekdays 6:30am - 6:00pm

For bookings call **8200 2516** between 9:30am - 5pm
For details call **0499 844 061**

For details visit the [YMCA OSHC website](#).

Community Notices



Port Pirie Youth Theatre presents

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

15, 16 and 17 September
Northern Festival Centre



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
PORT PIRIE POLICE ON 0838 4000



Port Pirie Scout Group Come & Try Scouting



For Youth age
5 to 11 years old

Meeting Monday
evenings from 6pm

Pt Pirie Scout Hall,
Mary Elie Street

For more info contact:
Janet McCulloch
gl.ptpirie@sa.scouts.com.au



Pet Competition - Crystal Brook Show

It is time to get your entries in to the Crystal Brook Show pet section.

There are plenty of great prizes to be won in a number of categories in this year's show on Saturday 13 August from Best Cat, Dog, Bird, Reptile and lots more.

Pets will be supervised in the pet section all day.

For information contact:

Nat Hodgson

Secretary

0474 502 241 or secretary.cbshow@gmail.com

Katie Hallett-Patterson

Pet Section Convenor

0417 080 683

Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:	
Week 3				
Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Thai Red Beef Curry + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Ham and Cheese Triangles	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Beef Curry + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Chicken Stirfry + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00	Lasagne + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Week 4				
Mon	Egg and Bacon Pastry Roll	\$2.00	Thai Green Chicken Curry and Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$6.00
Tues	3 x Pizza Scrolls	\$2.00	Chicken Tender Wrap + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$4.50 \$6.50
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00

BOSCO CAMPUS

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Online Canteen Orders: www.flexischools.com.au

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Metro Canteens: 0447 978 752

